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...ike-College; to Obadiah A. Bowe, to Abel Thomas, to sustain Christian circles; to ...as M. Sawyer, for infirm and aged Universalist clergymen. He appointed his friends, ...rt M. Strebeigh, Richard H. Manning, W. ...obinson, Marcus Spring, Dudley S. Gregory, ...of Richard Bistenford, his executors. Mr. ...ory he designates as "the generous patron ...friend of my early days of poverty and trial." ...ther this will also figure in the Courts, is ...et known.

EDWIN FORREST.

...udden Death of the Great Actor.

...ILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Edwin Forrest, the ...dian, fell dead this morning, while dress... at his residence in North Broad street. ... Forrest's servants repaired to his room ... 10 o'clock this morning, as it was later ... his usual hour for coming down. They ...d him lying on his bed, apparently suffering ... apoplexy. Mr. Forrest had been exercising ... dumb-bells, and had evidently nearly com... dressing, having been adjusting his neck... ...hen overpowered. He died in about half ...our after being discovered. He leaves no ...ediate relatives, his only sister having died ...al years since.

FIRES.

...struction of Property Yesterday.

...ALVA, Ill., Dec. 12.—Galva has again been ...ed by another destructive fire. Flames ... discovered this morning about 3 o'clock issuing from the basement of the brick building ...Exchange street, owned by Flansburg & ..., and occupied by Thomas Nyburg's saloon ... Anderson & Engstrand, boot and shoe dealers. The flames made rapid progress before the arrival of sufficient aid that it was impossible to subdue them, and the building, with its contents, was destroyed, and it was only the most strenuous efforts that the adjoining ...ildings, which were of wood, were saved. The ... loss will reach $9,000, divided as follows: ...sburg & Mack $4,000, no insurance; Anderson & Engstrand $4,000, with $1,000 insurance in the Hartford Fire Insurance Company; Thomas Nyburg, $1,000, no insurance. That the fire is the work of incendiaries there seems to be no doubt. Two Swedes, named Jonas Naslund and Erick Lilja, have been arrested, and circumstances point to their having guilty participation. Several others are suspected, and the authorities are in pursuit of them.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CROSTFIELD, Ill., Dec. 12.—At 5 o'clock, this morning, a fire broke out in McLennan's "Crib" Mills and Warehouse in this city, totally destroying the buildings and their contents. The fire, which is still burning, though under entire control, was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. A large amount of grain was in store. The loss is estimated at upward of $...,000, with about $6,000 insurance.

MISCELLANEOUS CITY NEWS.

The managers of the Pullman Palace Car Company positively assert that there is no truth in the rumor that the general offices of the Company are to be removed from this city. They say that no such thing has ever been thought of; that the Company was formed under the laws of the State of Illinois, with their general offices in Chicago, where they shall ever remain.

The Chicago, Pekin & Southwestern Railroad will commence running passenger trains next week. The road will be operated so as to connect with all passenger trains on the Fox River branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Commencing at Chicago, the following are the stations along the line: Chicago, Archer, Ottawa, Streator, Reading, Auburn, Long Point, Dana, Minonk, Benson, Roanoke, Eureka, Washington, Morton, Groveland, Pekin.

BORN.

...ROMILOW—Nov. 21, at Brighton le Sands, near Liverpool, England, the wife of E. E. Bromilow, of Chicago, a son.

DIED.

...ALKMEYER—Dec. 13, 1872, Ellen R. Kalkmeyer, ...ughter of Christian and Mary Dieggs, Wis., aged 17 years and 11 months. Funeral from home, 128 South Morgan-st., Chicago, at 2 P. M.

...In New York, Harrisburg, Galena, and St. Louis papers please copy.

...ARRETT—At 72 Foster-st., Dec. 13, Amanda G., ...fe of Thomas K. Barrett.

...DMOND—On Tuesday morning, Dec. 13, 1872, Kate ..., wife of A. B. D'mond, aged 30 years. The ...neral services at the residence, 1139 State-st., Saturday morning, Dec. 14, at 10 o'clock.

...WALES—Bridget Doyle, wife of Edward Whales, ...c. 13, at 65 Fry-st. ...Funeral will take place at No. 7 Nebraska-st., at 9½ ...clock, Dec. 14, 1872.

AUCTION SALES.

By ELISON & FOSTER.

The Great Sale
BY AUCTION
OF
ELEGANT
MARBLE STATUARY,
BEAUTIFUL
Bronzes and Clocks
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
Friday Afternoon and Evening, December 13,
at 2 and 7 1-2 o'clock, at Store 57 Green-st., corner of Madison-st.

Sale will continue from day to day until the entire collection of these beautiful goods are sold.
ELISON & FOSTER, Auctioneers.

By GEO. P. GORE & CO.
32, 34, and 36 East Randolph-st.
AT AUCTION,
Parlor and Chamber Sets, Wardrobes, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Sofas, Lounges, Extension Tables, Chairs, Rockers,
Household Furniture from several Dwellings,
W. G. Crockery, Yellow and Rocking Ware, 200 round corner Bedsteads, 40 rolls Cots, 50 Extension Tables in the white.
AT 10 O'CLOCK.
800 Mirrors, sold for whom it may concern.
200 Show Cases. On Saturday, Dec. 14, at 9 1-2 o'clock.
G. P. GORE & CO., Auctioneers.

By WM. A. BUTTERS & CO.
55 and 57 South Canal-st.
Mr. Alex. Von Wendt's
UNPARALLELED COLLECTION OF
PAINTINGS
Now on Exhibition
AT NO. 228 STATE-ST
WILL BE SOLD ON
Wednesday Afternoon, Dec. 16
WM. A. BUTTERS & CO., Auctioneers.

FOR SALE.
10,000
OLD PAPERS,
In packages of 100, clean and whole, for sale by
H. H. CHANDLER & CO.'S
Newspaper Advertising Agency,
Room 2, 124 South Clark-st.

200 BARRELS
Of the (Star) Brand of the BANDMAN ARTIFICIAL STONE COMPANY'S PORTLAND CEMENT for sale by
C. J. KERSHAW & CO.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Advertisements Received Too Late for Classification.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS DECORATIVE Painter; Frenchman preferred; none need apply unless having experience and ability. Apply between 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning to C. DECOENI, Palmer House Block.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE—A STOCK OF ... goods or groceries, by an experienced business man, with a capital of $35,00 to $40,00, consisting of ... Chicago property, cash, and an improved farm near town, or will take an interest in a good business. ... wholesale trade well established. Address Y 74, Tribune office.

LOST—A POCKETBOOK IN A MADISON-ST. ... containing valuable papers. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at the office of the ... House.

HOLIDAY JEWELRY.

HOLIDAY JEWELRY!

We open this day, direct from Paris, one of the largest Holiday Stocks in the West. Let the unbelievers call and be convinced. Everything retailed at wholesale prices.

B. F. NORRIS & CO.,
137 & 139 STATE-ST., near Madison.

COAL.

WILKESBARRE COAL,
FROM OUR OWN MINES.

We desire to notify our customers that, having our Steam Bracker now in running order, we are prepared to supply them with the wares of Wilkesbarre (Anthracite) Coal, which we consider the finest quality of Hard Coal in the market, and owing to our large dock we are enabled to deliver this same from under cover, free of dust and snow.

Also, Hocking, Pittsburg, and other Bituminous Coal always on hand, for steam and domestic use. A liberal discount made to the trade in Bituminous Coal at our South Yard, corner Twenty-second-st. and river.

LAKE, WHITEHOUSE & CO.,
Office, 19 Chamber of Commerce.
Yards: Indiana-st. Bridge, Twenty-second-st. Bridge.

REMOVALS.

REMOVAL.
F. HOLLISTER & CO.,
Carpet Warehouse,
have removed to the New and Spacious Store,
121 & 123 STATE-ST.,
NEAR MADISON,
where they will be pleased to see their friends after this date.

Howe's Scales.
Removed to 38 State-st.
Sale of every description. Beams and Trucks. Platform Grocers, Druggists and Butchers.
A. M. GILBERT & CO.

REMOVAL.
GERSTENBERG,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
Has Removed to 199 East Kinzie-st.

TO RENT.

OFFICES IN THE
Tribune Building
are nearly finished. Several are untaken. Fire-proof, with vaults. English tile floors throughout. No offices in the city equal these in every first-class respect. Plans of the Tribune Building can be seen at the office of
W. C. DOW,
Room No. 1, Nevada Block.

FOR SALE.

Malaga Grapes,
Louisiana Oranges,
Messina Lemons,
Cranberries,
A large supply of Nuts, Figs, Raisins, and Canned Goods generally, for the Holiday trade, at
M. GRAFF & CO., 39 and 41 Market-st.

ICE TOOLS
FOR SALE BY
P. S. MESEROLE, 204 Lake-st.

FINANCIAL.

MONEY TO LOAN
on close business property.
KIMBALL & FRAKE,
Post Block, corner Clark and Monroe-sts.

Loans Negotiated
on real estate, in the city or suburbs, at current rates.
G. S. HUBBARD, Jr.,
109 East Washington-st.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RECOMMENDATION.
For many long hours sufferers from RHEUMATISM, after which we had used every possible remedy, and had the most respected medical advisers without relief, we were at last told that Mrs. A. BECKER, of Milwaukee, would relieve us. We applied to her and were cured within ten days. We would, therefore, for the benefit of all similarly afflicted to this fact.

JOSEPH GELCKHIMER, 62 West Indiana-st.,
LYDIA BERSON, 36 Fry-st.,
CARL BERSON, 36 Fry-st.,
MARIA BERSON, 36 Fry-st.,
CHRISTOPH ZARLEY, 546 North Halsted-st.,
and in the name of many others.

NEW BANK.
The MONROE BANK of MILLER, WATSON & MORRILL is now ready for business. The old patrons of the house and their neighbors especially invited. Responsibility large, with individual liability.
JOHN MILLER, President.
OTWAY WATSON, Cashier.

Holiday Evergreen Decorations!
For wedding ceremonies, halls, etc., decorated with evergreens, flowers, etc., can be accommodated by calling at the greenhouses, corner of Superintendence. Address
KING & HAMES, 185 LaSalle-st.
Orders respectfully solicited.

Steam Warming.
Furnished for heating Stores, Factories, &c. Jobbing promptly attended to.
WATSON & MORRILL,
109 Michigan-st

HOLIDAY GOODS.

NOVELTIES
IN
Embroideries, &c.,
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
FIELD, LEITER & CO.
Will open on Monday, Dec. 16, new importations in Choice Embroideries, designed for Holiday Gifts.

Fine needle-wrought Linen Sets and Collars, Sleeves in sets, Plaited Linen Sets and Sleeves, Plain and Fancy Cuffs, French Embroidered Initials for Handkerchiefs, Emb'd Medallions, Cushion Covers, Lace Tidies, Nottingham do, and full lines of latest styles Ruffings, &c., &c., are adapted to the present season and attractive in styles and prices.

State and Twentieth, and Madison and Market-sts.

SUPERB HOLIDAY BOOKS!
LITTLE PEOPLE OF THE SNOW. By William Cullen Bryant.
WHAT KATY DID. By Susan Coolidge.
LITTLE CANARY SERIES. By Mrs. Osgood.
LITTLE MOTHER. By the author of "Little Rose's Travels."
RUSSELL'S, 148 State-st.

FURS, HATS AND CAPS.

To Retail Merchants.
For the next thirty days we will sell, at WHOLESALE ONLY, our entire stock of LADIES', CHILDREN'S, and GENTLEMEN'S FURS, at prices which will enable our customers to compete with wholesale merchants who retail Furs at "wholesale prices."
EDDY, HARVEY & CARTER,
272 Madison-st., between Market-st. and bridge.

FURS! FURS!
LADIES' FURS,
GENTS' FURS,
CHILDREN'S FURS,
Hats, Caps, Gloves, Robes, &c.,
THE BEST STOCK IN THE CITY.
BASSETT & HAMMOND,
144 MADISON-ST.,
NEAR LA SALLE.

CATERER.

Seventeenth Year!
JOHN WRIGHT.
The subscriber, is now prepared to furnish Weddings and other receptions with all the necessary outfit, including awnings, carpets, calcium lights, and an efficient corps of good waiters. Has just imported a complete set of China and Silver Ware. Orders for Flowers, Music, &c., filled at short notice. Invitation cards delivered promptly and correctly. With good workmen, and material the best, will guarantee satisfaction to all intrusting orders to his care, by mail or at office.
647 AND 649 WABASH-AV.

COATS.

ELEGANT
HOUSE COATS
AND
ROBES DE CHAMBRE,
Of superior quality and workmanship. Very large stock to select from and very low prices.
BROWN, PRIOR & FISK,
441 WABASH-AV.

MEETINGS.

Masonic.

The regular annual communication of Wm. B. Warren Lodge, No. 338, A. F. & A. M., will be held at Lyceum Hall, No. 13 North Clinton-st., this (Saturday) evening at 7½ o'clock, for the election of officers. All members are hereby notified to be present.
SAML C. SMITH, Sec.
CHAS. H. SHATTUCK, W. M.

Masonic.

The annual communication of Washenaw Lodge, No. 160, for the election of officers and to take action with reference to a hall for future meetings, will be held at Apollo Lodge Hall, corner Twenty-eighth and State-sts., Monday evening, Dec. 16, at 7½ o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to be present, by order of the W. M.
E. ST. JOHN, Secretary.

Masonic.

The members of Hesperia Lodge, No. 611, A. F. & A. M., are hereby notified that there will be a special communication of their lodge this (Saturday) evening, Dec. 14, at half-past 7 o'clock, for work on the Third Degree. By order of the W. M.
D. H. BRENAN, Sec.

WASHINGTON.

Startling Disclosures Expected from the Credit Mobilier Investigation.

The Washington Grand Army of the Republic Censure Senator Sumner.

The Boston Relief Bill Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The President Favors the Construction of the Kanawha Canal.

Telegraph Officials to Interview the Appropriation Committee on Tuesday.

A Batch of Rural Politicians Receive Their Reward.

Proceedings in Congress Yesterday.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE BOSTON RELIEF BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—By the emphatic vote of 35 to 15, the Senate, to-day, referred the Boston Relief bill to the Judiciary Committee, for the purpose of having the constitutionality of these measures of legislation thoroughly investigated and reported on. So far as their sympathies are concerned, four of the members of this Committee are on the record as having voted for either the Chicago or Portland Relief bills. What their opinions may be when the question is reduced to one of purely Constitutional law is altogether another matter. Some of the New England Senators express a fear that this reference has killed the proposed measure of relief.

THE "TEN-SLOOP" BILL.

Secretary Robeson's appeal to the Senate Naval Committee in behalf of his bill to increase our naval force by the building of additional sloops of war, has proved only partially successful. The original number is restored, but the Committee did not see fit to give the Secretary absolute discretion in ordering where the vessels should be built, preferring to retain the House amendment on this point. It is more than probable that the whole matter will be thrown into a Conference Committee, where the Secretary's request in this direction will receive greater attention than the House has paid thus far.

SOLDIERS' BOUNTY LANDS.

The bill to give land bounties to the soldiers, which passed the House yesterday, is certain to meet with great opposition, if not defeat, in the Senate. That latter body is generally more careful than the House in matters of general legislation, and besides, the Committee which now has charge of the bill will be into possession of what is called the "opposition side" of the story. Among other things, it is alleged that the effect of the bill will be to throw the public lands into the hands of speculators, while at the same time it confers no advantages on soldiers in the way of obtaining homesteads, other than those enjoyed under the act passed last winter.

THE CHESAPEAKE CANAL.

The Board of Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, at their meeting in Baltimore, yesterday, reported a heavy falling off in business over the corresponding month last year, which was attributable to the prevalence of the cholera disease. Of the earnings over the expense, there remains a surplus of $125,000. It was decided to apply that sum to the payment of the overdue coupons.

THE GENEVA AWARD.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs, at its session to-day, had under consideration General Banks' bill to settle, adjust, and disburse the Geneva award. After a short discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the Judiciary Committee, where alone a proper bill can be framed, which, in all its details, would meet the exigencies of the case.

The Committee instructed its Chairman to report a bill authorizing the use of two United States Naval vessels to transport the various articles to be sent from this country to the Vienna Exposition, together with an appropriation of $100,000 to cover the expenses of the outfit.

SENATOR SUMNER CENSURED.

That part of the Grand Army of the Republic which has its headquarters in this District, has just adopted a resolution censuring Senator Sumner, for his proposition to strike from all the battle flags and army records the names of the battles which occurred during the late civil war. The resolution sets forth that "we regard those battle names written on our historic banners as not only commemorative of a just and patriotic war, but a legacy which brave men desire to bequeath to posterity in evidence of their valor, sacrifices and fidelity to principle, and their connections with those events which roused and elevated the patriotism and character of the nation. We, therefore, look to the Grand Army and patriotic citizens throughout our land to forbid any such contemplated desecration of these historic record of a valiant army, the splendor of whose achievements is written in the stability, and growth, and prosperity of our Government."

CREDIT MOBILIER.

The Credit Mobilier Committee was in session, to-day, about two hours. McComb was the only witness examined, and his statements are described as plain, lucid, matter-of-fact testimony, which made a very favorable impression on the Committee. He submitted papers and documents in verification of some portions of his testimony, and he showed the Committee that the inquiry must be on a broader scale than was at first contemplated, and cover a wider range. It is thought that some interesting lobby facts will be revealed which will be particularly instructive to the country. It will be shown that the Credit Mobilier in its designs honest and dishonest, did not confine its operations to those whom the people suspect, but many others will be brought forward, who, it is intimated, will create as much surprise in the eyes of the public. The testimony has already elicited the fact that there has been a good deal of lying or a good deal of stealing, and probably both. Indeed, there seems to be in the minds of those best posted a certainty that Oakes Ames has either bribed members of Congress, or has appropriated to his own use money that was furnished him for that purpose. Colonel McComb evinces no disposition to shrink from the task he has undertaken, and the Committee has a majority of its members who will not stop the work until the bottom of the whole case is reached. Oakes Ames will be given an opportunity to "tell his little story" to-morrow, and on Monday John B. Alley will be called on to "rise and explain."

THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

The House Committee of the Judiciary gave General Banks a special hearing, to-day, to enable him to present his reasons for urging his bill to increase the salary of the President to $50,000, and to pave the way for a single term of office of six years' duration. The speech is spoken of as having been a very eloquent one, and its effect on the Committee was conclusive. The salary proposition was discussed for some time by General Butler and John A. Bingham, the latter favoring the proposition very earnestly. The Committee decided to recommend the increase of salary to the House.

NIAGARA SHIP CANAL.

The House Committee of Commerce will have a special session on Monday in order to consider the question of the Niagara Ship Canal. A delegation interested in the work will give their reasons why the improvements asked for should be fostered by the Government.

DISTRICT SAVINGS BANKS.

Mr. Monroe, of Ohio, from the Banking and Currency Committee, will submit a bill early next week, requiring the Comptroller of the Currency to examine into the financial condition of the savings banks of the District of Columbia chartered by Congress. The bill is likely to pass, and the public will soon know whether there is any truth in the reports recently circulated as to the security of the Freedmen's Savings Bank.

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The House Appropriation Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday evening next, for the purpose of hearing statements from the Presidents of the Western Union, the Franklin, and the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies, on the subject of the Postal Telegraph. General Myers, of the Signal Service, will also be heard.

The bill of Mr. Palmer, authorized by the Committee at the last session, will be presented with a favorable report before the holidays.

The telegraph companies affirm that there are gross errors in the Postmaster-General's tables, and they want an opportunity of showing the fact to the Committee.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Senate, in Executive session to-day, confirmed the following nominations: Postmasters—Charles S. Moss, Franklin, Tenn.; Elkanah A. Willard, Brixton, Tenn.; James Peacock, Gallatin, Tenn.; James D. Webb, Fort Sully, Dakota; F. E. Dimsling, Virginia City, Montana; Adam Cramer, Seneca, Ohio; F. T. Rempel, Logan, Ohio; John D. Martin, Jackson, Ohio; Lorenzo Lyon, Wauseon, Ohio; Joseph Hall, Ogden City, Utah; William M. Priestly, Metropolis City, Ill.; Charles F. Robertson, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Indian Agents—Benj. M. Thomas, Southern Apache Agency, New Mexico; J. H. Wilbour, Yakama Agency, Washington Territory; Jared W. Daniels, Red Cloud Agency; L. G. Dyar, Klamath Agency, Oregon; W. D. Crothers, Moquis, Pueblo Agency, Arizona; James Wright, to be Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Montana.

Pension Agents—Silas B. Dutcher, New York; Robert M. Kelly, Louisville, Ky.; Samuel H. Jones, Springfield, Ill.

THE VIENNA EXPOSITION.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs will on Tuesday report a bill appropriating $100,000 toward defraying the expenses attending the exposition of United States productions at the Vienna World's Fair. This amount is regarded as insufficient for the purpose, $240,000 having been appropriated for the Paris International Exposition, and therefore a motion to amend the bill may be made.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

In Senate, a bill, introduced to-day, by Senator Pomeroy, to organize the Territory of "Oklohama," was prepared by him in accordance with the recommendation of the President in his annual message. It is not intended to dispose of the lands or to promote the settlement of the Territory, except by Indians. The sole purpose is to establish and execute properly the civil law and to prepare for the civilization of all the tribes.

EARTH TO EARTH.

The funeral of Osborne P. Anderson, colored, the last of the John Brown raiders, took place this afternoon.

OFFICE-SEEKERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A Washington despatch says that over 500 letters have been addressed to the Chief Justice concerning the vacant Marshalship of the United States Supreme Court, resigned by R. C. Parsons. The leading candidates are Judge Schley, of Maryland; Robert C. Kirk, of Ohio; John G. Nicolay, of Illinois; and G. W. Mallary, of Kentucky.

CHICAGO POST OFFICE.

Postmaster Eastman, of Chicago, is here seeking increased facilities for the postal money order office. He had an interview with the Postmaster General this morning relative to the establishment of a money order office on the West Side.

THE CHICAGO SCANDINAVIAN BANK.

The Comptroller of the Currency has appointed Thomas P. Tallman, Receiver of the Scandinavian National Bank of Chicago. The Comptroller is of the opinion that the bank will pay its creditors in full, leaving the losses entirely upon the shareholders.

CONSOLIDATED.

The Presidents has consolidated the First and Third Internal Revenue Collection Districts of Connecticut.

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Vice President Colfax left Washington last night, for New York, to meet the stockholders of the New York *Tribune*, in connection with the offer made to him to become the editor of that paper.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: B. W. Brisbers, Consul at Verviers, France; James Wright, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Montana.

ARMY GAZETTE.

The following to be Second Lieutenants in the army: W. H. Kell, Ohio; E. B. Pratt, Michigan; and R. H. L. Alexander, Kentucky.

CABINET MEETING.

The Cabinet session to-day was not of unusual interest. The affairs in New Orleans were spoken of, and the latest telegrams to the President and Attorney General read, but not with a view of any further official action, as the full determination of the Government has heretofore been manifested.

The Attorney General telegraphed to Colonel McElroy that a visit to the President, as contemplated by the citizens of New Orleans, would avail nothing.

PERSONAL.

Secretary Delano departed for Cuba last night. The Interior Department was represented in the Cabinet meeting to-day by General Cowan, Assistant Secretary.

THE KANAWHA CANAL.

A delegation, composed of Senators and Representatives from the States of Virginia and West Virginia, called upon the President to-day to thank him for the recommendation in his message relating to the James River and Kanawha River Canal, and to express the hope that he would further the measure as much as possible. The President replied as follows:

I appreciate the great importance of this work to the commercial interests of the nation, and am glad this subject has been brought to the attention of Congress. I hope Congress will give it sufficient encouragement to insure its completion. The enormous population of the Western and Southern States interested in this route demand an outlet to tide-water on the Atlantic coast, and these interests are so important that they must ultimately compel the completion of this work in some manner.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The Committee on Appropriations will, on Monday next, report an amendment to the Deficiency bill, appropriating $20,000 for printing stock certificates for the Centennial Celebration.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A note was read from the Vice President, stating that he will be absent for a few days.

Mr. Anthony was chosen President *pro tem.*

THE "TEN SLOOP" BILL.

Mr. CRAGIN, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a substitute for the House bill to authorize the construction of six steam vessels of war. The substitute authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to construct ten steam vessels of war of such class or classes as he may deem most suitable to the demands of the service, each carrying six or more guns of large calibre, and the hulls to be built of iron or wood, as he may determine; *provided* a portion of said vessels shall be built, in whole or in part, in private yards upon contract with the lowest responsible bidder, under the supervision of the Navy Department; or the hulls of any portion of said vessels may be built upon private contract in the Government yards with Government material.

Nothing is said as to an appropriation.

BOSTON POST OFFICE.

The bill was passed appropriating $500,000 for the purchase of an addition to the site of the Boston Post Office.

CREDENTIALS.

Mr. MORTON presented the credentials of George E. Spencer, re-elected Senator from Alabama.

THE POUND STERLING.

Mr. SHERMAN offered a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire whether the valuation of the sovereign or pound sterling of Great Britain at Custom Houses of United States and in the settlement of accounts between the two countries under existing laws, corresponds with its true or intrinsic value, as expressed in the money of the United States, and report by bill or otherwise.

THE INDIAN TREATY.

Mr. POMEROY introduced a bill to organize the Territory of Oklohama, consolidate the Indian tribes, and carry out the provisions of treaties with certain tribes. Referred.

IMMIGRATION.

Mr. CHANDLER introduced a bill to promote immigration to the United States; creating a Bureau of Immigration, and providing for the comfort and protection of immigrants in many ways while aboard ship and after landing. Referred.

BOSTON RELIEF.

The Boston Relief bill was then taken up.

Mr. FERRY (Mich.) called for the yeas and nays upon his amendment to except lumber from the list of materials to be admitted free of duty. This exception had been made, he said, in the case of Chicago, and he wished to test the willingness of the Senate to put the East and West on the same basis in this matter of relief.

Mr. WILSON said that the Portland relief bill did not except lumber, and he thought this one ought not to do so either.

Mr. SUMNER said the question of putting the East and West on the same basis did not enter into this case, because the main reason given for excepting lumber in the Western case—the fact that the neighboring lumbering district in Michigan had been devasted by fire at the same time as Chicago—did not exist in the case of Boston.

Mr. THURMAN (Ohio), said he was not satisfied as to the constitutionality of legislation of this kind, and moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

After a long discussion, the bill was so referred: Yeas, 35; nays, 15.

Mr. WILSON said he hoped the Committee on Judiciary would consider the bill and report as soon as possible.

CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

Mr. MORTON called up the bill to prescribe the manner of taking testimony in contested election cases. Passed.

At 3:40 p. m. the Senate went into executive session, and soon after

Adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.

INSURANCE CLAIMS.

Mr. WOOD, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the Attorney General to examine into and pay the claims of certain insurance companies for the loss of the bark Calderas, payable out of the Chinese Indemnity fund. The bill was recommitted.

POSTAL CARDS.

Mr. RANDALL (Pa.) offered a resolution calling on the Postmaster General for information and correspondence touching the style, cost, and contract for postal cards, ordered at last session of Congress; also, for information and correspondence touching the present contract for postage stamps; the change in the stamps adopted under such contract, and the causes for it; to what extent, if any, the Government is a loser, when the present contract expires, and what steps, if any, have been taken for advertising for proposals under the law, both as to postal cards and postage stamps. Adopted.

PRIVATE BILLS.

A number of private bills were reported, and the House at 1:20 p. m., went into Committee of the Whole on the private calendar, Mr. L. Myers (Penn.) in the Chair, and took up the bill to reimburse the College of William and Mary, in Virginia, $60,000, for property destroyed during the war of the rebellion.

Mr. SHANKS offered an amendment providing that no part of the money shall be paid until the regular meeting of the stockholders, or corporate authorities of the College, shall have adopted, and caused to be entered in the records of the corporation, a resolution declaring the College shall be open, and it shall, in all times thereafter, be open for the admission on equal terms, and with equal privileges, of all persons, irrespective of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Mr. PERCE, Chairman of the Committee on Education, who reported the bill, opposed the amendment, because he believed the College intended to kill the bill. The result of its adoption would be that, instead of its being a college open to all citizens of the United States, it would be a college open only to colored citizens. The colored citizens of America, and he represented a colored constituency, did not desire such a distinction. They desire the recognition that was made on the Civil Rights bill. They desired that every institution of learning should be open to them.

Mr. SHANKS defended the amendment, arguing that the money in the Treasury was contributed proportionately by the colored people, and that his amendment was based on the provisions of the Constitution.

Mr. CRITCHER (Va.) opposed the amendment, and stated that there was now within a few miles of the college of William and Mary a college devoted exclusively to the education of colored children, so that there was no necessity for the proposed amendment.

Mr. SHANKS asked Mr. Crichter whether the regulations of that colored college forbade admission to white children.

Mr. CRITCHER was not aware of any such provision, but knew there was no white students at that college.

Mr. SHANKS—"As a matter of choice, I presume. The suggestion of the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. Peree), as to the Civil Rights bill, is the question in future. If he will wait until that becomes a law, and if it produce its proper effect, it will answer all the purposes of my amendment; but if this bill is to pass first, I prefer that it should be properly guarded."

Mr. HAWLEY (Ill.) opposed the bill, and sent to the Clerk's desk and read a letter from General L. H. Roberts, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who commanded the United States troops at the College, stating that, from all the information he obtained on the spot, he had an impression amounting to a moral certainty that the College was set on fire, not by the United States soldiers, but by the rebels, out of pure "cussedness."

Mr. HOAR, a member of the Committee on Education, supported the amendment, and made a strong appeal in favor of the bill.

The question was taken, and it was adopted; 79 to 71.

The Committee then rose and reported the bill. The first question was on the adoption of Mr. Shank's amendment, and it was adopted; yeas, 92; nays, 78. The only Republicans voting against it were Butler, of Tennessee; Cobb, North Carolina; Perce, Mississippi; and Sargent, California. No Democrats voted for it. The bill was then rejected on its passage, the vote being yeas, 90; nays, 126. The Democrats all joined in the vote against it.

THE REVENUE BILL.

The House then took up the Senate amendment to the House bill abolishing the offices of Assessors and Assistant Assessors of Internal Revenue. All those that were mere verbal amendments were concurred in without question, the only important one remaining being that authorizing the appointment of twenty-five Treasury Agents.

After a long and uninteresting debate, in which the Senate amendment was opposed by Messrs. DAWES, KERR, and BECK, members of the Committee on Ways and Means, and defended by Mr. BUTLER (Mass.), who stated that distillers were in Washington lobbying against it, in order that they might have a wider field for the evasion of the revenue laws, the amendment was rejected by 26 to 89, and a Committee of Conference ordered; the conferees on the part of the House being Dawes, E. H. Roberts (N. Y.), and Beck (Ky.).

The House then adjourned, the session to-morrow being restricted to general debate.

Five Pilots Lost at Sea.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 13.—Yesterday forenoon, during the gale, five pilots, named Joseph Benzel, Thomas W. Brinkman, John Trout, Robert Saint George, and James Sellars, left Smithville, thirty miles below here, in a pilot boat to board three vessels in the offing. After getting well out to sea the pilot boat suddenly disappeared and nothing has been heard of it since two of the three vessels reached the city last night, and reported they had seen nothing of the pilots.

LATER.—The United States revenue cutter, Seward, a steam tug, and a pilot-boat, after cruising off the coast nearly all day in search of the missing pilot-boat, have given up the search as hopeless. No doubt is entertained that the five pilots all perished.

War Department Weather Prognostications.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Probabilities—In the Northwest, and those over the upper lakes, and southward over Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana, southwesterly to northwesterly winds, increasing pressures, colder, and partly cloudy weather, with occasional light snow. From the Ohio River to the Gulf and South Atlantic coasts, southwesterly and southeasterly winds, partly cloudy and warmer weather, and high but decreasing pressure. On the lower lakes and in Canada southerly and southwesterly winds, threatening weather, increased temperature, and low barometer. In the Middle and Eastern States, low barometer, southwesterly winds, increasing temperatures and cloudy weather, followed by occasional snow.

Warning signals continue at Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago, Grand Haven, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, and Oswego.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Gold, Bond, Stock, and Produce Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The favorable foreign advices, to-day, both in London and on the Continent, depressed gold ⅛, the closing price being 112⅝. The short gold interest has been greatly reduced by the recent squeezes. The "bears" in gold have been squeezed so often this year that they hold off.

MONEY

was active nearly all day, at 7 per cent to 1-64 for call loans, but closed easier at 7. The continued decline on the Stock Exchange lessens the demand, and city banks are receiving more currency from the interior. These receipts neutralize the shipments to the South for cotton, and also the demand from the pork packing trade. While it is not reasonable to expect either than an active money market until the early part of January, yet there are indications of unusual ease, both here and in Europe. The disbursements of the German Government, beginning next January, will relieve a sufficient amount of money to stimulate active speculation in securities. Commercial paper with leading names is held at 10 to 12 per cent, with few sales under 12 per cent.

STOCKS.

The stock market is dull and depressed, with a continued decline in the leading specialties.

The *Evening Press* says the reason assigned, to-day, for the decline in Rock Island is the prospect that the Company will lose in the litigation now pending a good part of their lands which come to them by one of their leased lines. The real reason for the decline probably is that the street-pool, organized a week or two since for a 4 or 5 per cent turn, have sold out, not having been able to compel the managers of the Company to take their stock on the threat that the control would be lost to them if they did not buy the street-pool stock. There is a similar outside pool in Western Union Telegraph, which advanced the stock to 80, on the expectation that the managers of the Company would be compelled to take their stock from them at advanced figures. It is very well understood that the managers at present hold less stock than usual, and that they apprehend hostile legislation in Washington this winter. The outside pool, however, may yet succeed in making a profitable speculation, independent of present managers, who have improved the property very much since their advent to power, when stock sold at 28@30. In regard to the Pacific Mail, the loss of steamers of late has impaired the value of stock, which, however, is governed fully as much by speculative as by intrinsic considerations.

The *Evening Express*, one of whose editors is in Congress, says: The Postal Telegraphic bills, two of which are reported, Mr. Creswell's and Mr. Palmer's, will put in a close vote and a great strife. Creswell's bill, which asks $12,000,000 to buy up the telegraph stock, which is valued at $40,000,000, will not pass even through the Committee on Appropriations. Mr. Palmer's plan allows a company or companies to conduct the telegraph system as a private enterprise, the Government to fix the tolls.

EXCHANGE.

Foreign exchange was stronger for long sterling, but sight was unchanged.

BONDS.

Government bonds were quiet, and in part a fraction lower.

PRODUCE.

The arrivals of flour are light. Trade brands are dull and irregular, and the market closes dull and lower for most grades under $8.50. The trade buys very sparingly. No. 2 and superfine are especially heavy at a decline. Little was done in wheat at the opening. Most holders are firm, but buyers hold back. Winter is still held higher, and is in light supply. The market closes quiet for spring, and dull for winter. Pork was rather firmer, with sales of about 300 bris at $13.05 for old for December, $13.63½ for inspected new in jobbing way, and $11.75@12.00 for extra prime. Cut meats are quiet; the supply of Western hams is light, the valued dealers on the spot being about 4½c. In bacon there was some business at steady prices. Sales, 250 boxes at 7¾c for short clear for early arrival, and 7¾c for long clear on the spot. Lard is in moderate demand and steady.

INDIANAPOLIS.

The Proposed Constitutional Convention—Reasons Why It Should Be Held.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—Among the most important measures that will be brought to the attention of the Legislature, will be the calling of a Constitutional Convention. It is now twenty-one years since the present Constitution was adopted, and the changed condition of affairs, as well as the rapid progress made by the State, demands a Constitution more in accord with the advance of civilization. Among the considerations that are urged why the Convention should be held are the following:

The thirteenth article of the present Constitution prohibits negroes or mulattos from coming into or settling in the State, and punishing any person who shall employ such negro or mulatto, or otherwise encourage him to remain

DUBUQUE.

The Railroad Enterprises of Northern Iowa.

How Dubuque Capital and Enterprise Have Reconstructed the Railway Map.

The Situation and Progress of Lines Leading West and North.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Dec. 12, 1872.

Dubuque has fairly entered upon a new railroad era. Henceforth, more essentially than in the past, will it be worthy its title: "Key City of Iowa." More firmly and discreetly will it hold the key to unlock the stores of the ever-widening grain fields, and the silent forest homes of the north, bordering upon, or lying between, our two great boundary rivers. Its means for doing this are its system of railroads now being rapidly perfected. Of this system and the men who are developing it—their struggles and triumphs—I propose a swift review.

The merchants of Dubuque have always claimed the right to reap the first profit from sales of grain and other products, after these had left the hands of the farmers in the counties lying directly west and north of them, and when the Milwaukee system of railroads first threatened these rights, did the pass at St. Paul, our people began to grow restive and to devise plans for holding that which, by all rights of geographical position, they called their own. The same dangers were threatened by the Iowa railroads converging at the pass at Clinton, reaching northward and cutting off their happy hunting-grounds on the west and south, and one of the purpose to avert these evils grew

THE DUBUQUE & SIOUX CITY RAILROAD.

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Another railroad project, called the Eldora project, and to which Dubuque capital largely contributed, was what is now known as the

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF IOWA.

This road, it was thought, would also inure to the benefit of Dubuque merchants, but a transportation connection, subsequently effected with the Northwestern Road, entirely diverted the trade of a number of counties west from Dubuque, at the Ackley crossing. A few years later the Dubuque & Sioux City Road was leased in perpetuity to the Illinois Central Company, and from that time to the present have the merchants of Dubuque had "a hard road to travel."

Through all these years the project of a river line of railways, extending into Minnesota, was fostered, and over and anon its immediate opening received hearty advocacy. Its necessity and its practicability were discussed in private parties, in public assemblies, and through the press, and finally took definite form by the incorporation of the

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"I mean to build this road through to Clinton, and I shall not be stopped. If I am impeded, I shall demand of the Governor a company of troops to protect my men."

The result of this war proved that this courageous bearing was in no sense foot-hardy. Mr. Graves won a complete, a crushing victory before the courts—before it came up for examination, in fact: the opposition withdrew, and compromises which did not prejudice the interests of the new road were effected.

And thus the work went forward. The iron was laid on the C., D. & M., and as each succeeding town on the line was reached, a general jollification was had, and on the 5th day of May of the present year a grand celebration of the event of the "iron wedding" of the two cities was had at Lansing, ninety-six miles north of Dubuque.

The Chicago, Clinton & Dubuque Road was completed to the junction of the Sabula Road, a transportation connection of a temporary character formed with this and the Northwestern Road, and, as many of the readers of THE TRIBUNE will remember, the citizens of Chicago were singularly impressed with the appearance of gaping crowds of Dubuque merchants on the streets of their own rebuilded city, on Tuesday, the 26th ult.

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Now, substitute Horace Greeley for Washington in the above, and you have the counterpart of half a dozen stories which prevail as to his roughness to individuals. He left no man worse for his having lived. Like Richelieu, he might say: "My art was Justice!" A live, real man is not marred, but made comfortable and plain to posterity, by his occasional aberrations. The great trouble with Washington's character is, that there is too little anecdote about him. He is always up and dressed and grim for history. The only element in Greeley must always stand out clearly in any estimate of him,—that lusty excess of health which took the road of busy labor, instead of flinging up its heels in the pasture-field.

HIS RIVALS IN THE PRESS.

I met Henry J. Raymond in the lines in front of the City of Richmond, in the summer of 1862. It was at Mickie's farm-house, where I was provided with a bed, which I offered to share with him. There we laid awake several nights, and he gave me freely his opinions upon Greeley and Bennett, neither of whom he liked. It was the dislike of mutual avocation, which can be found, to a certain degree, in any business, and particularly in the professions. I have always had, more or less, a distrust for one influential man's opinion of another in the same district of life or country. In the rigor of performance and feeling, we are never wholly just to that which is in daily friction with us. Over the grave the better judgment of retrospective springs up, and Thurlow Weed walks by the pall of Greeley, as he may expect a reconsidering enemy to do a like justice to his own memory. We are worth to the world that which we have done in it, and Greeley's need of encomium is unusually, even touchingly, large and generous. What a scourge might he not have been, occupying, as he did, the daily domain of thought-criticism, and never giving. It is a fearful power, this gun-mastership of the deck, this unelected magistracy of the journal. He never slackened fire upon the mean and injurious; and if, in the discussion of some topics, he passed from the theme to the opponent, that is the course of all earnestness. A little inchariety is the spice of the world. When a man says: "You lie, villain; you lie!" he is right up and honest about it. What is flat, stale, and unprofitable press it would be if nobody should make a face at the editor over the way!

HIS TIMES BEFORE.

The three papers which Raymond, Greeley, and Bennett edited, have been put side by side by public comparison, as if they were the peers of each other, and led the profession. Mr. Raymond was not the equal of the other two either in influence or in administration. He lacked their singleness of purpose and conscious influence upon his age, and the soft and luxurious side of life drew him from his seat. He told me, in 1861, that he was tired of the newspaper, and wanted more of public life. He became the great municipal editor; a fine miner, shipper, and weaver of the news. To his vast conception of the newspaper, the globe revolved and the stars appeared as news matter, and no more. Shipwrecks, a comet, the conflict of nations, everything was created for his use. To him, the newspaper was a mighty ear, wide open to listen to the tread of events and respond indiscriminately. Greeley was the mind in the news, sometimes unwilling that the news itself should appear in competition with his purpose. Between these two, Mr. Raymond built up a paper softening the savagery of the news and the vigor of discussion, and highly entertaining to people with nerves, who did not see the use of so much enterprise or so much earnestness. Mr. Raymond was an unusually fine man, with the grandest of all qualities, that heroic cordial manner, which is greater than the braces of character; but all the fuss that his unworthy successors are making about their fidelity to the Republican party is aimed at people who do not recollect how Raymond bolted as early as 1866, and the New York *Tribune* got any temporary profits that might have resulted from his failure. Mr. Raymond was a writer of grace, without identity or marked individuality. He was a cordial man, because very sensitive himself; and, although he was a very successful man, he never appeared to me to have a great nature, the gravity and impact of which could make one feel that something had stirred abroad.

GREELEY'S PRIVATE AFFAIRS.

The point that was often made against Greeley during the last campaign was, that he could not take care of his own affairs. The same logic, if it could save the credit of his country, lived in a debtory jail many years, in the person of his publisher. When great general purposes absorb a whole career, personal thrift suffers by the devotion. Had Mr. Greeley accepted a present of $100,000 from the liberated slaves for his labors in their behalf, probably he would have lost the imputation upon his business habits. It is as natural for one wholly intent upon accomplishing his ideas to give away his money as to give away his labors. Had Mr. Greeley lost control of his newspaper at any period while he held it by the precarious possession of a very small portion of the stock, the criticism upon his business capacity might apply; but he knew his strength, and, although virtually a mere employe, he was as indispensable as any man can be in this world.

AS PRESIDENT.

As a President, had he been elected, his administration would have indicated his supporters; for the manner of his death was but an irrelevant cordial to his healthy and driving public and private life. He would have given this Government the impress of a large and manly nature, pure enough to have lived without indulgences, and to have come to its Magistracy by the most signal and splendid display of thought-power ever seen in our politics, that of professional men promoted over all the grades of parliamentarians and portfolio people. The dishonesty which is growing to be the rule of our public and commercial life would have been repelled before that discriminate editorial eye which could deal with the day's events like the news of the night reporter, Ripley Hall, Mosher, or Hudson. A moral indignation would have passed throughout the land, and the man's one term would have been a new starting point in our politics.

DEFEAT.

He fell upon evil times. The coalition at his nomination inspired distrust amongst timid people, and they stoned him like Stephen, with the vulgar missiles of cartoons and all the bludgeonry of commercial politics. When he was beaten, the devil headed a torchlight-procession.

Spent and gasping in all the fibres of the great, o'er-burdened nature, he turned from the disasters of the campaign to the familiar associations of his family and wife. The roof-tree was broken. The hearth was cold. God pity him who has made the good fight, and lost his chimney-corner as well as the battle!

FINIS.

But this can be said over his grave more truly than over the graves of many Presidents and conquerors:

"Here lies a great public man. He was an engine of his period." His life was ever busy, and for the good not only of the greatest number, but of all. All at some time felt the strength and use of him. The injury that any did him in the formidable period of his energy, all hastened to atone at his grave. For the weakness that he may have had, they shed tears of joy; the pride of his strength they remembered, and said: "Who can take his place?"

GATH.

Blood as Diet.

Attention having been drawn by Professor Panum, of the University of Copenhagen, to the amount of nutritious matter contained in blood and usually entirely lost, Dr. Nellsen of that city has been endeavoring to solve the problem of using blood in forms suitable for food, and at the same time capable of preservation, namely: First, as sausages, puddings, and cakes—being mixed with fat, meal, sugar, salt, and a few spices—to serve as a much cheaper compensation or substitute for meat, and intended more especially for the use of the poorer classes; and, second, as blood-chocolate, more especially suitable to be used in hospitals as well as otherwise in medical practice, in which latter form it has been recommended by Professor Panum, at a meeting of physicians at Copenhagen, and is now being employed in some of the hospitals of that city.

—The Atchison *Champion* has the particulars of the killing of Napoleon Brown, better known as "Nip" Brown, by one Thomas Butler, both residing in the vicinity of DeKalb, Mo. Both of them were desperate characters, and both have been in many fierce encounters when knives and pistols were freely used.

WASHINGTON.

Horace Greeley's Memory—A Journalistic Analysis of the Man.

His Place in Fame—Anecdotes and Points—Tribute to the Defeated.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 1872.

GREELEY'S PROBABLE FAME.

At this time, there seems to be some organized effort to collect all that bears upon Horace Greeley's career, and the incident of his death is still overshadowing in this Capital.

The rank of great office will always supersede the greatness of greater men in private station; and when other men passed up to the Presidency, the greater Captain was subordinate and subject to power, and so must stand relatively in superficial history. To aim at the sceptre and miss it, and then return to one's broom, has often been the fate of the real Kings of men, but posterity in bulk is a great gulled constituency. It still believes that Washington's behavior on the subject of the little hatchet was the making of him, and leaves the past, generally speaking, to its own jury and verdict. Greeley was a beaten man for the Presidency; he was ambitious of that office because he considered it a place of greater influence, usefulness, and majesty, than his own bench; and so it might have been for a man of his wide knowledge, wide acquaintance, and extraordinary popularity. He probably knew this country from its seedlings and traditions out to its vaguely-revealed desert interior, more fully and recently than any being amongst us,—soldier, or traveller, or head of department, because he was the editor of the era, to whom all its vagrancy and exploit came earliest to report. With this knowledge, he might well have mistaken himself for a man of administration also, and yearned to cleanse the country of the oppressions he knew to be, and to correct it of errors which prevailed by their audacity or men's obtuseness. But he lost that prize of authority, and lapsed to citizenship again, so that what is sometimes called the vulgar world will lose him more and more as the country fills up and events multiply. To his profession, however, he will always be dear, and the scholarship of history will often look beneath the visible currents of pageantry to raise his effigy.

HIS ENCOURAGEMENT.

I knew Mr. Greeley but a little, and that chiefly as one of the first and most hearty encouragers I ever had. Amongst his endowments for the gratitude of his day and generation, nothing stands out more nobly than his constant indorsements of the better efforts of the people. He was a gigantic bull in the intellectual and commercial stock market,—the editorial Vanderbilt,—ready to bet that a thing would succeed; that it must run out well; that it had merit in it and must go. *Onward* might have been his motto. The whole country is covered over with monuments of his faith. McCormick's reapers buzz his praises as they shear the harvest-fields. He told Mayor Joseph Medill to go to Chicago and wait there, and this vindicates the wise advice to "Go West." I met Adolph Sutro, the tunnel-maker of Nevada, the other day,—a man who is paying out from $30,000 to $50,000 a month in wages, and who, if he succeeds, will have revolutionized silver-mining in this country, and he said: "Ah! I have lost my friend! Everybody was laughing at me, and it looked dark ahead, when Horace Greeley spent a whole day reading my book. He asked no questions what public opinion had to say about it. He said: 'That is a great project, (and I believe in you!'"

I can say, in the manner, that when I returned from a long absence in Europe, and moved into what was then that most uncharitable den, New York journalism, Mr. Greeley read a rather loose story of my composition, and sent me word, through Charley Halpine, to keep at the same business. When I wrote for awhile upon the *Tribune*, and the majority of the squabs around the office were profoundly moved at the temerity of a new man venturing to appear there, Greeley gave my work his signet more than once; and, during the last campaign, wherein I never saw him nor addressed him, he picked out of another paper a little song anonymously sent there by me, and had very nearly spoiled me for life by convincing me that I might have been a poet. There is nothing more refreshing than the unsolicited commendation of the great upon the lesser,—the watchful magnanimity which ranges the whole field to say to the struggling vines and settings: "There is growth in you!" and is wonderful to contrast Greeley's width and wealth of encouragement where he had all the power, was the stinted and parsimonious welcome of many of the chaps around him. To form a mutual admiration society in the New York *Tribune* was second nature, and, indeed, in small-fry newspaper-circles in New York generally. After the war, the war-correspondents came in from the field, and drowned out the spirit of these young chaps; and the editors of New York City are generally furnished with news and opinions by people from other places.

HIS JUSTICE.

Mr. Greeley's justice within his office has been impeached by people employed there. He was a man who refused to be bored, and, as the *Tribune* was often supplied with people who followed the presumptuous fire of the paper too literally, and were their hair long and talked wise nonsense, Greeley got, after awhile, to be on generally bad terms with his own young men. He avoided beginners there, and people who were of a gushing and sprout-like nature. How could he have gratified the vanity of speh and filled the measure of his great career? But so masculine beings who ate strong meat, like Richardson, Ripley Hall, and Mosher, of the old *Tribune*, which he chose to be, and, to the great world of attendants, the constituency of the journal, he was patient and inquisitive. Newspapermen are, as a general rule, the best men to each other in the world; generous, gregarious, and boyish; but, in worktimes, it is a very practical school, and the writer who hoists his jib and sails in for a compliment every day, saying: "Did you read my article on the adaptability of beans as a motive-power?" is a preposterous bore. Hence, we hear a great deal of soft impeachment of Greeley's sourness and injustice.

HIS GENTILITY.

He was not a gentleman in the delicate sense, for he had too much to do; but he had a good deal of the real attachment which Dickens affects for *outre* people: scapegraces, brilliant fellows without stability, and people who are never worthless and yet always shiftless. Of these, Halpine was an extraordinary instance. He was a splendid type of Lever's Irishman, without deep feelings or fixed principles, but with talents, humor, facility, and a beaming face. Greeley "carried him" for years, helped elect him to a position where he could have saved $200,000, and at last had the office saved for his family's advantage after the mast died. I called Mr. Greeley's attention to this one day, and he said, to my surprise:

"I never saw a fellow who had so little idea that there could be such things as principles in this life as Halpine!"

"You appeared to believe in him, Mr. Greeley?"

"Oh! no. It wasn't that. He wouldn't let me believe in him. I took the same interest in him that I would in a delightful heathen. He was enough of a care to make me attached to him, and enough of a pleasure to pay me back with interest. When Charley Halpine died, there seemed to be no boys left for me to play with."

HIS CONSISTENCY.

The frequent injustice of Greeley's denunciation to persons in his service has been much made of, but, in the sweep of a large career, it is too much to expect the perpetual courtesy of a dancing-master. I was reading an old copy of Wilkinson's Memoirs recently, and I came across this anecdote, new to me, of General Washington, derived both from Generals St. Clair and Hamilton:

"The army was encamped at some point on the Raritan River, in New Jersey, and the General-in-Chief was just mounting his horse to visit his advanced post, when he recollected a letter he had recently received from the British commander, which it occurred to him he might have occasion for whilst at the lines. He called to Colonel Hamilton, and requested him to 'hand the letter to him.' The Colonel returned

LONDON.

Brutality in the Aristocratic Public Schools of England.

The Dangers of Fire—A Piratical Publisher—Walt Whitman.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Nov. 14, 1872.

BRUTALITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The great endowed public schools of England, which still remain in the hands of the aristocracy, are behind the poorest of the day-schools in one part of their moral training. The old brutal spirit which led Dukes and Earls to pay men to maim each other in their presence,—the spirit which caused Prime Ministers to visit cock-fights, and made bull and bear-baiting the favorite rural sport, still rules at Eton, Harrow, Winchester, and one or two other educational foundations. Boys are still stripped and flogged; and, what is very much worse, are, at some of the schools, allowed, and even encouraged, to bully and beat each other. A gross case has just come to light,—gross in itself, but by no means exceptional; and, while the better part of society cries shame against the authors, the school itself defies public opinion, and is furious at the disapprobation excited. At Winchester, as at some other schools, the Prefects, or Monitors, have the power of thrashing a boy, to an extent limited only by their own bad temper, for the most trifling offences against their rules or mistakes of their orders. It appears that there is at Winchester a system of slang, just as there is in the thieves' kitchen. Various objects have their slang names, and every now and then the Monitors "examine" the other boys in this rubbish. The other day, one of the bigger boys refused to be examined, whereupon the Monitors held a meeting, and decided that, by refusing to come, he had defied their authority, and must be thrashed, or, as it is called, "tunded." He appealed to the Head Master, who said he must submit, and he was "tunded." Now, a Prefect's "tunding" is the most dreadful punishment imaginable, and hurts far more than any master's flogging. The instrument is a ground-ash stick—from the seasoning it receives, tough as whalebone, and from three to four feet long. Fifteen cuts from such a weapon will leave the shoulders—it is given across the shoulder-blades—so sore that the strongest boy will not be able to bear the hand passed roughly over the injured parts for at least a week after without flinching. Now, this boy received thirty cuts,—five ground-ashes being broken over his shoulders! A gentleman named Hacon, the boy's brother-in-law, wrote a letter to the Head-Master on the subject. Mr. Hacon says: "As his reply was private I cannot publish it. But this I think I am liberty to state, that he thought the punishment excessive, and the Prefects wrong in their decision. But what is done? Was the Prefect who gave such a 'tunding' expelled, and those who sided with him punished as they deserved? Not a bit of it. The Prefect is 'exempt' to apologize, and say he was sorry for an act which was authorized by the rules of the school, which perhaps has occurred since, and certainly will occur again, unless this power is forever taken from the hands of boys, who are certain to abuse it. I was at Winchester five years, and remember scores of these 'tundings,' though none so gross as this. I cannot call to mind one that I do not wholly undeserved, was and far in excess of the offence."

Forty Juniors have been thrashed at Winchester in one day by the master, and it is stated that as many as a hundred lickings have been administered by the Prefects this autumn. "A Radical Whykehamist" asks us to imagine the sequel to a course of "trouncing and "spanking." "A boy," he says, "who has been thrashed more or less since he was 10, at attaining to the sixth form, is promptly invested with the power and 'ground-sail' of a Prefect. Can he, in nine cases out of ten, be anything but a bully? Ground down to the most degrading duties since he was quite a child, he finds, after years of servitude, that he has almost unlimited power of a sudden, and he takes care to fail not to take advantage of it." The whole system is as obnoxious to society as it is unjust to the boy." "An inquirer," who announces himself as a Tory of the deepest dye, describes his own service under a Monitor who invented a pair of thumbscrews and used his invention freely on the fags. He had also a weakness for borrowing money from them, and reminding him of it left the borrower disagreeably conscious. "An Old Wykehamist" avers that he has seen such wanton brutality as would in after life consign the perpetrator to a prison cell, while many is the boy who leaves school blasted in the eyes of his fellows by the utter inhumanity of his nature.

One correspondent says that one of the Winchester Prefects (or Monitors) owned to him that the whole thing was a mistake. Several boys lose: "Soon after this, my friend, the Prefect, retired to a fine old wood hard by, whence he returned with what I took to be a bundle of walking-sticks. I was mistaken. Instead of walking-sticks, they were what you call implements of torture, but, according to my friend, the Prefect, 'only awfully jolly ground-ashes;' and with these he returned to Winchester."

It cannot be doubted, and that the system brutalizes both those who inflict and those upon whom it is inflicted. It inspires its victims, when their turn comes, with a desire to make others smart for the injuries they received when they were unable to resist, and it teaches those who administer punishment—at a time of life when principles are becoming fixed and character formed—that the pleasure of inflicting pain, and to become cruel and cowardly men.

THE DANGERS OF FIRE.

The great fire in Boston again leads to discussion upon the condition of buildings in London. Summarizing the opinions of the best authorities, I may state that their observation and experiments show that, in all the great fires here, the floors which proved the most impervious to fire-proof were those constructed of light iron joists about two feet apart, filled in with plaster of Paris, or with ordinary brick or tile arches, with the undersides plastered and the tops covered with cement or tile flooring; these only failed by the failure of the unprotected iron supports beneath them. Generally it was evident that good plaster work, either in walls or ceilings, invariably, in a great measure, was fire-proof; and that stone and iron construction without such protection was not to be relied on, and much more dangerous than good sound wood beams and posts, brickwork of every description, and good wood floors, well pugged and protected by plastered ceilings. What is essentially desired is, that, in great store warehouses, the space of each section of the building should be divided by good brick walls into as small divisions as possible, compatible with the absolute requirements of the building,—each shut off by double iron doors; that stone should be used in floors and staircases nowhere except where solidly supported at each end and protected by plaster; that iron girders should be laid loose in the walls so as to allow for expansion, and that these, together with all iron supports, should be encased and protected with plaster.

A PIRATE!—A PIRATE!

Every American author with a fig-leaf of reputation is persecuted and fleeced by one London publisher at least. He may escape the tender mercies of "the trade" as a body, but he must reckon well with this particular man. Wherever the rights and the courtesies of authorship are recognized, the name of Mr. Holten, of Piccadilly, is held in disesteem. What American writer has not been a sufferer by him?

Mr. Holten evidently commenced business with the resolve that he would have as few direct dealings with authors as possible. Authors, in his philosophy, were made for publishers to live upon. It is a work of responsibility, requiring judgment, literary knowledge, and enterprise, to take the manuscript-sheets from a writer, to examine them, and decide whether or not they are good and likely to be popular. There are losses as well as gains. The cleverest "reader" makes mistakes sometimes. The warehouses of the publishers groan with such miscalculations. On the other hand, when the taste has not erred, when the book catches the interest of the world, the reward is abundant as it is honorable. Mr. Holten knows nothing of all this. He is one of the camp-followers of the publishing army. He comes in with the birds of prey. He profits without risk, and is careless of the contempt and the disgust with which his victims regard him. It is sincerely to be hoped that he will one day get into the fangs of the law. He has been very close two or three times. Why did not "Mark Twain" prosecute him when he scraped a number of articles together, written, several of them, by other people, and published them as by "Mark Twain?" The apologies of this publisher are so Pecksniffian that they make the original offence the worse. His treatment of Mr. H. M. Stanley is the last now being exposed, but Mr. Holten braves it all out. Immediately after Mr. Stanley reached London, Holten gathered up all the letters Stanley had written, and, without any consultation with the author, published them in a book under the title of "The Finding of Livingstone: By Henry M. Stanley,"—thus conveying the impression that this was Mr. Stanley's own book. What is Holten's defence? "It was done," he says, "with the view of preserving these letters in a collected form for readers who may desire to compare the earliest with the latest narrative, and for readers who can spare a few shillings for a new book when they cannot afford a guinea." Not a word about the trick of the title; not a syllable respecting any compensation to the author whose labors were supplying this publishing pirate with his miserable profits. But is that all? Not a bit of it. Mr. Holten had more of the vulture work to get through. His scent detected carrion, and he hurried to it. Mr. Stanley, for reasons of his own, with which the public has nothing to do, had not entertained the world with the details of his private history. He has said nothing about his grandmother's snuff-box, or his sisters' precocity. He claims to be a naturalized American citizen, and the rest is his own business. But Mr. Holten exclaims: "Oh, dear, no! That's my business. I can make some dollars out of it." And so he goes off to Wales, and worries and cross-examines some humble people there, who only want to be let alone, and then advertises the "Story of Mr. Stanley's Early Life," couching the announcement in terms which imply that the book brought out is with Mr. Stanley's own cognizance. The book is wretchedly done. It professes to give details of Mr. Stanley's parentage, and it does so in the most offensive way imaginable. Statements which no one of feeling would publish, however authentic, are published on the merest hearsay village tittle-tattle. Let us hope that this Piccadilly pirate will one day meet with his match.

THE WALT WHITMAN DELUSION.

A dozen, perhaps a score, of intelligent persons in this country regard Walt Whitman as a poet. The rest think his productions beneath any notice, whatsoever. I certainly am unable to appreciate him, or even to comprehend the admiration of his friends, but give him the benefit that is his. Here is a piece of criticism just written upon him, by one of the most thoughtful and refined of European writers, Mr. William Michael Rossetti. Mr. Rossetti says:

"Mr. Whitman appears to me to be far the greatest poet that America has produced, and great among the poets of any age or country. This, however, would not be an apposite place in which to enlarge upon his powers or his career, and I shall therefore confine myself to a few words regarding his relation to the Humorous in poetry. In this respect, there is little to be said, save in a negative sense. The only piece of his that can in any way be termed humorous, is the one here extracted, and even this has more of a grim, grotesque suggestiveness than of humor, properly so-called. In fact the absence of humor from the writings of Whitman—treating as he does, of every possible aspect of life, work, scene, and association, in America,—is a noticeable point, and may even be said to argue one limitation in his enormously capacious and sympathetic mind, and in his faculty for expressing the actualities (to what, in other regards, he is so intensely responsive) of modern life. And it may be added that Americans, generally, whether writers or others, have a peculiar readiness in setting, and in realizing in words, anything amenable to the faculties of humor, wit, or (perhaps more especially) whim and ridicule. The reason for

STATE INSURANCE CO.

Continuation of the Investigation Before the Register in Bankruptcy.

Circumstances Under Which Mr. Hooley Released His Policy.

Mr. L. Z. Leiter Thinks Mr. Hurlbut Betrayed Him.

The investigation in the case of the State Insurance Company, bankrupt, was resumed yesterday before Mr. Hibbard, Register in Bankruptcy.

RICHARD H. HOOLEY,

being sworn, said he was 50 years of age, resided at Walnut avenue, and was a theatrical manager; had a policy in the State Insurance Company; did not remember its number; believed the amount was $2,000; sustained a total loss under that policy; had not that policy now; received a letter from the Company asking him to call at the office; tore up the letter, as he supposed, as he tore up many such letters; did not know what became of it; went to the office of the Company to see if he could settle; his attorney and himself went together; was in in December; saw a gentleman there writing, a thin, spare man of dark complexion, and bald head; witness asked what the company was paying; the man answered they were paying 10 cents, but he might not get so much if he waited; signed a paper, he supposed, giving up his right, title and interest in the policy to the Company; got a check for $200 for the loss; on his way to the State Insurance Company he met a gentleman named McMullin, once connected with a paper here; McMullin said he had a lot of policies which he was going to settle at 10 cents; McMullin walked with him to the office, and McMullin said: "Well, I suppose we might as well settle at 10 cents, for if we wait longer we may not get that," and witness took it; had not much to say to the man in the office. The assignment produced was identified. It was in the following form:

CHICAGO, Oct. 27, 1871.—In consideration of two hundred dollars ($200), to be paid by J. B. Smith, of Chicago, I hereby assign and set over to him my claim for loss under the within policy. R. M. HOOLEY.

Cross-examined: Was not positive as to the date; the date on the policy was 27th of October; supposed it was right; was not positive about it; supposed he or his attorney left the proof of loss at the office of the Company; did not know if he visited the office at any other time; thought his attorney and McMullin were in the office at the time.

Here George W. McMullin was called upon to stand up for identification.

Mr. Hooley did not recognize him as the McMullin he met in the office, but believed from the family likeness that the McMullin he met was a brother of the McMullin present.

Examination resumed: Never saw the man he supposed to be the Secretary before; identified Mr. Van Inwagen as the man he met in the office; did not remember the first thing said in the office; went there to get a check for his money; could not give exact conversation; that money would pay 10 per cent; Van Inwagen did not say he would pay 10 per cent; Van Inwagen said he was buying the claims himself; was not positive about it; could not repeal Van Inwagen's statement; he signed the release and got the check; Van Inwagen said the State Insurance Company would pay 10 per cent; Van Inwagen did not say how much he was paying; the check was under that policy; had not that policy now; considered it to the Company, as he understood; received a letter from the Company asking him to call at the office; tore up the letter, as he supposed, as he tore up many such letters; did not know what became of it; went to the office of the Company to see if he could settle; his attorney and himself went together; was in in December; saw a gentleman there writing, a thin, spare man of dark complexion, and bald head; witness asked what the company was paying; the man answered they were paying 10 cents, but he might not get so much if he waited; signed a paper, he supposed, giving up his right, title and interest in the policy to the Company; got a check for $200 for the loss; on his way to the State Insurance Company he met a gentleman named McMullin, once connected with a paper here; McMullin said he had a lot of policies which he was going to settle at 10 cents; McMullin walked with him to the office, and McMullin said: "Well, I suppose we might as well settle at 10 cents, for if we wait longer we may not get that," and witness took it; had not much to say to the man in the office. The assignment produced was identified. It was in the following form:

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The Chicago Tribune.

Saturday Morning, December 14, 1872.

It is said that the Judiciary Committee of the House will report in favor of an increase of the salary of the President to $50,000.

The horse disease caused a serious decrease in the business of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal last month.

Governor Warmoth's Legislature has adjourned until the first Monday in January. Two Senators of the Custom House Legislature have been expelled for co-operation with the other faction.

Spanish authorities think the insurrection which lately broke forth in the environs of Madrid was too trivial for mention, as only twenty persons were killed or wounded in the affair.

Postal relations with France, which have always been unsatisfactory, are still unsettled; but assurance is given that the treaty which has been pending so long is at last to be concluded. By its terms, a uniform charge of 8 cents is to be made for each letter.

The efforts of Mr. Henry Clews to succeed Mr. Boutwell as Secretary of the Treasury are regarded as impudent by the Hartford *Courant*, which holds this celebrated banker as not above suspicion. There is one plan of Treasury management to which Mr. Clews has given the benefit of his sanction and approval, and that is the practice of putting the Government funds into particular banks "for market use." We have no doubt that Mr. Clews could find market use for the entire surplus in the Treasury every month in the year.

It is twenty-one years since the present Constitution of Indiana was adopted, and many of its features are far behind the times. For instance, it forbids negroes or mulattoes to enter the State, and prescribes a punishment for any one who employs such persons or gives them any inducement to remain in the State. Its terms prevent the passage of any adequate election or registration laws, and, under its provisions, the Judges of the State are becoming the mere creatures of party. To remedy these evils, the Legislature, now in session, is asked to call a Constitutional Convention.

Postmaster General Creswell is asked by the House for information about the postal cards which the last session authorized him to prepare, as well as about the present contract for postage stamps, and the loss it may cause the Government. The House has concurred in the verbal amendments of the Senate to the Internal Revenue bill, but by a large majority rejected the amendment for the appointment of twenty-five Treasury agents. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs will report in favor of an appropriation of $100,000 for the expenses of the American department in the Vienna Exposition. This is much less than the appropriation for the Paris International Exposition, for which Congress gave $250,000.

Mr. Burchard's bill to limit the time during which funds received upon subscriptions to national loans shall be permitted to remain on deposit with National Banking associations and depositaries is intended to fix a limit to the amount of interest or bonus that shall be allowed by the Secretary of the Treasury on the new bonds before they are paid for by the purchasers. This being the intent of the proposed bill, would it not be as well to say it plainly, in words something like these: "Whenever any bonds of the United States are sold by the Treasury Department, not more than three months' interest shall be allowed before the money is paid into the Treasury?" We presume that the object of passing the bill, however, is to prevent the Secretary from allowing six months' interest in advance the next time. In that view, it is commendable.

The Senate missed Vice President Colfax from his seat yesterday. He is said to be away on business connected with the offer made him by the New York *Tribune*. The Senate Naval Committee has restored the Ten-Sloop bill to the shape in which it came before the House, providing for the building of ten vessels of war. The House, it will be remembered, reduced the number to six vessels. Debate was resumed on the Boston Relief bill. Senator Ferry wanted lumber excepted from the free list as had been done in the Chicago bill. East and West must be treated alike. Senator Wilson thought Boston was as much entitled to free lumber as Portland, which got it in her Relief bill, and Senator Sumner showed that the reason for excepting lumber in the Chicago bill—the devastation of the lumber regions of the Northwest by fire—did not exist in the case of Boston. On motion of Senator Thurman, who doubted the constitutionality of such measures, the bill was at last sent to the Judiciary Committee, in order that their judgment might be given on this point. Four members of the Committee are known to have have voted for the Chicago or Portland bill.

The Chicago produce markets were more active yesterday, and breadstuffs were firmer. Mess pork was quiet and easier at $11.40@11.50 cash, and $11.90@12.00 seller March. Lard was active and a shade easier at $7.06½@7.12½ per 100 lbs cash, and $7.50 seller March. Meats were quiet and easier at 3½c for part salted shoulders, 5½@5¾c for do short ribs, 5¾@6c for do short clear, and 7@7½c for green hams. Highwines were more active and steady at 89½c per gallon. Dressed hogs were more active and firmer at 4½@4¾c per lb. Flour was quiet and steady. Wheat was active and advanced 2c, closing at $1.13¼ cash, and $1.14¾ seller January. Corn was quiet and ½@¾c higher, closing at 31¾c cash, and 31¾c seller January. Oats were more active and firm, at 25½@25¾c seller the month, and 25¼@25½c seller January. Rye was in good demand, and firm at 62½@63c. Barley was steady, closing at 61c for No. 2, and 49½@50c for No. 3; seller January, 61½c. There was a good demand for live hogs, but the continued heavy receipts weakened prices, the average decline being 5c. Cattle were dull and neglected at the reduction sustained earlier in the week. Sheep were more active and firmer.

The New York *World* is disposed to tolerate, or at least to wink at, Federal interference in the political muddle in Louisiana, in view of the profligate character of Warmoth and his Government. No headway, it says, can be made against such interference so long as the person against whom it is directed is a notorious scoundrel. In order to re-establish State Government in its integrity, there must be integrity for it to rest upon, which the *World* regrets that it cannot perceive in the opposing faction headed by Kellogg and Casey. We regret, for our part, that the *World* should take so dismal a view of things. We have no more confidence in Warmoth than the *World* has, but we have an abiding confidence in that clause of the Constitution which forbids the interference of the United States in the local affairs of a State, except upon the application of the Legislature, or of the Executive, when the Legislature cannot be convened. This clause of the Constitution may be antiquated, and not in accord with the advanced ideas of the present day. That would constitute a good reason for repealing it; but, so long as it stands unrepealed, it is the supreme law of the land, binding upon President, Congress, and all persons in authority, and they cannot go counter to it without violating their oaths of office. The Chamber of Commerce meeting in New Orleans took the right view of the question. They said, in substance, to the United States Government, "Either take hands off, or give us a military government pure and simple."

Some days ago we received the text of President Thiers' speech at the opening of the new session of the French Assembly, and the lugubrious tone which pervaded it is in striking contrast with the confidence which the Emperor William showed in his address at the opening of the Prussian Landtag, that has just come to hand. "His Majesty the Emperor and King," as Minister Von Roon put it, proceeded to congratulate the people on the comfortable state of prosperity indicated by the budget for 1873, which showed abundant means to provide for every necessary state expenditure, for the purpose of establishing provincial treasuries, for increased compensation to government officials, and for a reduction in taxation by a new classification of the income tax. The Emperor's Minister then coolly announced the legislation which the Emperor desired the Landtag to provide during the session, exhibiting the most perfect faith that it would be provided as he intimated. The principal features were the District Reform bill, which has already become a law, and the bill regulating the relations of the State to the religious societies, by which the State is to assume general control of these associations. While M. Thiers was defending his Government before the Assembly at Versailles by pleading the difficulties that had beset it, the Prussian Emperor was sending his Imperial commands through an Imperial Minister to the Landtag in Berlin. It was just the difference between success and failure.

The German accounts concerning the emigration from Alsace and Lorraine, under the option which the Prussian Government offered the inhabitants of those provinces, differ very materially from the French accounts. It is probable that Mr. Edmund About's estimates were greatly exaggerated. The *Mythi-queen Diastic* states that out of 459,779 inhabitants in Upper Alsace 99,662 options for emigration were taken out, of which only 10,209 persons actually availed themselves; in Lower Alsace, 42,394 options were taken in a population of 609,295 people, of which only 10,000 were effective; in Lorraine, 29,567 options were taken, and 20,750 people actually emigrated, out of a population of 489,835 people. The average percentage of emigration was 2½ per cent of the entire population. It is now reported that many of the emigrants are returning. The *Courier of the Lower Rhine* publishes a letter from Strasburg, in which the correspondent tells of a family that sold out their possessions for about 5,000 francs, and went to Paris. Once there, they found it impossible to earn their bread. They returned to their old home with but a small residue of what they took away with them, and reported that large numbers of the emigrants were suffering in Paris, and would willingly return if they had the means. If the Germans teach us to regard the French reports with suspicion, perhaps it would only be wise for us to take theirs with the accustomed grain of salt.

THE LIFE INSURANCE EXCITEMENT.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, has recently given notice of a reduction of rates equal to an average of 22 per cent upon ordinary life business, and of 11 per cent on endowment policies. This announcement has produced intense excitement in life insurance circles, and a warm controversy is now going on, the object of which seems to be to compel the Mutual Life to retract and withdraw its announcement. Three gentlemen,—Messrs. Elizur Wright, Sheppard Homans, and D. P. Packler,—well known in insurance business as consulting actuaries, have published a card in which they pronounce the proposed reduction of rates as "unwise, deficient in security, unjust to existing policy-holders, prejudicial to their rights and interests, and deserving our unqualified disapproval." It is proper to state, however, that these gentlemen do business for all insurance companies, and depend for professional employment upon the patronage of the companies. Still, their reputations are deservedly high. It is also stated that one of them, Mr. Homans, was for many years actuary of the Mutual Life, and that the severance of his relations with that Company was the result of unpleasant differences of opinion between him and the present management. If we can correctly gather the facts from the voluminous and wordy publications on the subject, they are substantially these: That the Mutual Life, of New York, began business upon a most careful and prudential estimate. It established its premiums, which, taking the ordinary tables of mortality, and estimating the rate of interest on invested money at 4 per cent, would yield, after paying expenses, a profit, and afford unquestioned security to the insured. The business was very large; the actual profits were greatly in excess of the estimate; the rate of interest was one-third greater than they had assumed, and the losses on selected lives fell far short of the losses based upon tables of average mortality. Under these circumstances, the dividends or returned premiums to insurers grew to such proportions that the Company, some years ago, reduced its rates. The increase of business, however, the high rate of interest on investment, and the care taken in risks, soon produced another, and, what was considered excessive, dividend. The Company, therefore, about five years ago, with the approval and by the advice of Mr. Homans, its then actuary, made another and larger reduction of its rates. The same elements of success attending the business of the Company since the second reduction of rates, the Company now propose to make a third reduction, taking care to retain a margin of premium and of investment to render any loss to the insured, even under any extraordinary season of pestilence and calamity, an impossibility.

The three incidents to life insurance which are of the most importance to the insured are: 1, The rate of insurance; 2, the annual percentage of surplus; and 3, the percentage of expenditure, besides losses, to the amount of premiums received. The last of these incidents governs, to a great extent, the former two. The company must charge a rate of insurance that will, in addition to covering the chances of loss, pay all the expenses involved in salaries, agents' commissions, and travelling expenses. The company whose expenses for these purposes are 60 per cent of its receipts, must of necessity charge a higher rate of insurance than a company whose percentage of expenses is from 20 to 25 per cent can afford to take the same risks for. The larger the business of a company,—if it be well and economically managed,—the less ought to be the percentage of its earnings distributed among its own officers and agents. The New York Mutual Life claims that it can afford to return to its insured dividends of 40 per cent; or, it can reduce to all new customers the rate of insurance, which cannot be done by companies which distribute from one-third to one-half their annual receipts from premiums among their own officers, clerks, and agents.

During the last ten years there have been several new life insurance companies started which have begun business by making a reduction of rates from the old standard the special feature of their business. Several of these companies, by saving in the item of expenditure for salaries and commissions to agents, have been able to give their customers well-secured insurance at less rates than they could have done under the system of extravagant expenditure for new business. Several other of the old and long-established life companies have from time to time voluntarily reduced their rates of insurance, and this has been done without attracting any special attention, or creating any apprehension or alarm. Not one of these companies has lost credit or standing; on the contrary, the careful, economical management which enabled them to make the reduction of rates, being continued, has, with the increased business, tended to increase the aggregate profits, and the ultimate security of the insured.

An attempt has been made to excite an alarm among the policy-holders of the Mutual Life, on the ground that the new insurers will obtain policies at less rates than the old ones have paid; but it is to be remembered that the great bulk of the present policy-holders in that Company are themselves policy-holders under one or both of the previous reductions of rates, and that no more is offered to new insurers than present policy-holders are now enjoying to the exclusion of the holders of policies under the original rates.

One effect of this controversy will be to draw the attention of the public to the condition of the various companies. Insurers will probably inquire, What is done with the premiums they pay? How much of each hundred dollars is invested for the benefit of the insured? How much is used to pay losses, and how much of it is consumed by salaries and commissions before it reaches the company at all? The latter is one of the best tests of the prudent administration of the affairs of an insurance company. The less percentage of receipts applied to expenses, the greater the percentage which is paid into the company's treasury, and the greater the security to the insured, or the greater the dividend of surplus earnings, or the less the rates for which the company can afford to furnish responsible insurance.

If the Mutual Life, of New York, has so far reduced its expenses, and if the profits from its invested capital of $51,000,000 are so large that it can furnish for 78 cents what it has heretofore charged 100 cents for, the country will find cause for congratulation, and, instead of joining in the attempt to force it back to the old rates, will inquire whether it is not possible for other companies to so reform their mode of doing business that they may, in time, be able to reduce their rates in the same proportion. It should be added, however, that 73 of the policy-holders in the Mutual Life, including the names of some of the most prominent citizens of New York, have published a card protesting against the reduction of rates, and suggesting to the Trustees "that any experimental revolution by them (of doubtful legality) in the system of the Company's business, and the use and hazard by them of the funds accumulated by the present policy-holders for the security of new obligations enuring to the benefit of new members, is calculated to shake the confidence of the community in a direction where, by every means, confidence should be strengthened and not weakened."

MR. GREELEY'S WILL.

The villification and scandalous calumnies which were heaped upon Mr. Greeley during the last few months of his life, the disgraceful quarrel which another journal sought to make with the managing editor of the *Tribune* even while Mr. Greeley was dying, have now been succeeded by a scandalous contest to deprive the two orphan daughters, Ida and Gabrielle, of a portion of the inheritance left them by their father. Mr. Greeley's last will was made Nov. 9, 1872, and was witnessed and legally completed on the 29th of November, the day of his death. By the terms of this will, all his property was bequeathed to his eldest daughter, Ida, one-half to be used, at her discretion, in the education and support of her sister, Gabrielle.

The story goes (though we do not vouch for its truth) that since Mr. Greeley's death a struggle has commenced for control of the *Tribune*, in which Mr. Samuel Sinclair, its publisher, appears to be the leading contestant. To accomplish this it was necessary to gain control of the ten shares left to Miss Ida Greeley and her sister, and, with $100,000 in hand, Mr. Sinclair visited the sisters and offered to purchase the stock. They refused to sell, however, and at once proceeded to the Surrogate of Westchester County to prove the will and take out letters of administration. Baffled in the purchase, Mr. Sinclair, through his attorney, appeared on the same day and opposed the admission of the will to probate, upon the ground that Mr. Greeley was not of sound mind when it was executed, and that it did great injustice to the younger daughter. He therefore desired that all parties should give their consent to the proving of another will, bearing date, Jan. 9, 1871, in which, after making bequests to his wife, brother, sisters, and the Children's Aid Society, the remainder of the property was divided equally between the two daughters. Mr. Greeley's daughters were satisfied, though their counsel peremptorily declined to have any conference, Gabrielle stating that she was perfectly content with the later will, and that Ida had voluntarily offered her one-half the property, which she had refused. Her guardian was also satisfied, and it was shown that Ida had also arranged more liberally for her relatives than was provided by the will of 1871. The conference having been refused, Mr. Sinclair proceeds to contest the will, upon the ground that Mr. Greeley was not of sound mind when it was witnessed and completed. Upon this point, the testimony of "Aunty" Lampson is interesting. She testified:

Those signatures were made on the evening that Mr. Greeley died; I was quite near Reginald Hart when he signed his name, so that I could see him; I was in the same room; Mr. Greeley requested me to sign the will; it was in respect to what Mr. Stuart said to Mr. Greeley, or at his suggestion, that I signed it; Mr. Stuart held the will up in front of Mr. Greeley, and asked him in my presence if that was his last will and testament, and whether that was his signature and seal; Mr. Greeley said "Yes;" Mr. Stuart then asked Mr. Greeley if he would have Mr. Hart witness the will, and he said "Yes;" Mr. Stuart next asked Mr. Greeley if he would have Mr. Haines for a witness, and he said "No;" Mr. Stuart then asked him if he would have John R. Stewart as a witness, and Mr. Greeley again said "No;" Mr. Stuart then asked Mr. Greeley if he would have Aunty Lampson to witness the will, and he said "Yes;" this was between 5 and 6 p. m.; there was no delay in signing my name after that; he seemed to be conscious and rational; he was asked questions, which he answered, and shook hands with a friend, after the acknowledgment of the will; there was a recognition of myself by him previous to the introduction of the will; Mr. Stuart held the will before Mr. Greeley's eyes and asked him the questions alluded to in regard to his signature and seal.

In connection with the effort to gain control of the *Tribune*, the purpose of introducing the will of 1871 becomes apparent. That will provides that one share of the stock shall be sold, and the proceeds applied to the Children's Aid Society of New York. One-half of each remaining share is left to his wife, and he renounces all interest in two shares standing in her name, and the balance of the stock is ordered to be sold according to the rules of the *Tribune* Association. Of this will, Samuel Sinclair is one of the executors. The popular indignation in Westchester County and in New York City runs very high at this outrageous attempt of the contestants to deprive the two daughters of the property belonging to them, especially since that attempt appears to be made simply to gain control of the *Tribune*. This feeling will be shared by every friend of Mr. Greeley's in the country. It is not only painful and annoying to his two daughters, but it is scandalous in every way. Meanwhile, the litigation must be tedionly prolonged, and, during this litigation, the stock is locked up, and its proper influence in determining the course of the newspaper rendered nugatory.

THE RIGHTS OF STOVE-PIPES.

The absurdity of our municipal law in the matter of building regulations was illustrated at the Police Courts, a few days ago. We have established certain limits within which it is not lawful to erect any wooden building, or any other building, except in accordance with certain preventive regulations. But outside these limits, on the north, west, and south of the city, we have permitted the erection of any kind of building, no matter how inflammable. To the outside of these limits we have also driven the lumber-yards, and frame planing mills, and all other collections of fuel calculated to give a good start to any fire that may occur. The persons who have removed to these localities, outside the fire limits, claim that they have an unquestionable right to construct their houses to suit themselves, and consequently they have omitted chimneys as altogether useless. The free architecture of the suburbs is to have a stove, and the pipe thereof pierced through the roof without any of the precautions to prevent this pipe, when heated, setting fire to the pine board through which it is thrust. A fire warden visiting this locality insisted that the law extended thereto, and that stove-pipes could not be permitted in this reckless manner. His notices were defied. He then had one person arrested, and the Police Court, after taking several days' time to consider, has yielded its convictions to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, and fined the owner of the stove-pipe. The case was promptly appealed by the indignant counsel, and will probably be heard in a year or two, or after the city has been burned down again. This attempt to enforce a precaution against fire has, of course, produced a great excitement in the districts outside of the fire limits, and it will not be surprising if we have mass meetings in favor of free stove-pipes, and in favor of free fires, and it may be that indignant champions of popular liberty will head processions to the Council Chamber, there to compel the City Government to repeal any law which limits the right of any man to set fire to his own house, and destroy thereby the houses of his neighbors.

NEW PHASES OF CRIME.

We have, on several occasions, called attention to the unusual prevalence of crime in the country, the daily perpetration of murders, assassinations, burglaries and brutal assaults, and the long catalogue of lesser villanies, and have commented upon the laxity of the administration of justice which permits crime to go unchecked. These subjects have, also, more or less occupied the attention of the entire press of the country, and have been discussed in almost every pulpit of the land. The theme has grown well-nigh threadbare, and that, too, without accomplishing any apparent valuable or practical result in the suppression of crime or the enforcement of punishment. To call attention again, therefore, to the increase of crime or the impunity with which it is committed, would be only a repetition of what has already grown stale, but there are some new features connected with it, which have recently been developed, which deserve consideration. Hitherto it has almost invariably been the rule that murders have been committed either in revenge for some real or fancied wrong, or for the sake of obtaining valuables belonging to the victim, and they have been committed in a simple, direct way. Now, however, it is well-nigh impossible to take up a paper without finding accounts of murders growing out of the most singular and diverse causes, and perpetrated in a manner combining at once the most fantastic and hideous ideas with the refined essence of cruelty and diabolism. A notable instance of this is the murder perpetrated at Dover, Del., a few days since. A Professor of chemistry, who had a negro servant in his employ, suddenly disappeared, leaving his laboratory in a state of complete wreck, with the corpse of the negro frightfully mutilated among the ruins. The hands, feet, and head of the negro were missing, and the skin gone from the body. At first it was supposed to be the body of the Professor, who had been blown up with his own chemicals, especially as he had given out that he had discovered a gas, one property of which was its power to remove the skin from the body, so as to prevent all possible identification. It turned out, however, that the Professor and the negro had had an altercation, during which the Professor killed him. He then cut off the negro's head, hands, and feet, and buried them. The idea then seized him that he might turn the negro to advantage by making it appear that he had been killed by an explosion of this gas, and, having been mutilated beyond identification, the body might be taken for his own, and his supposed widow might collect his life-insurance. He thereupon flayed the negro, and, placing gunpowder in the floor underneath him, blew him and the laboratory up together. The affair eventuated as he had planned it. The body was supposed to be that of the Professor, and it was the universal opinion that he had been blown up with his own newly-discovered gas. The opinion might have remained unchanged forever had not the Professor returned the other day and delivered himself up to the authorities. The records of crime in this country do not reveal anything more grotesquely horrible and diabolical. Its parallel is not found even in the Jumpertz murder, in which, as will be remembered, a German woman was cut up and sent from Chicago to New York; the Webster-Parkman murder at Boston; the recent Charles River murder; or the Alice Bowlsby case. The most horrible phantasies of Poe himself do not excel it in the elements of cruelty. In Cincinnati, a few days since, two butchers entered the slaughter-pen, and, having stripped for their work, one of them turned suddenly upon the other and plunged his butcher-knife into his breast, severing his heart in twain. On Wednesday last, a stranger walked into a fashionable bagnio in New York City, and, deliberately shooting a courtesan dead, coolly walked out, informing her terrified companions that he could be found at the police station. A physician of Brooklyn is now on trial for poisoning an Internal Revenue Assessor of the same city, that he might continue a criminal intimacy with the wife of the latter, and the guilty woman and her paramour attended him on his death-bed. Now and then, crime is invested with a mysterious sort of romance, hardly ever to be found outside the pages of fiction. The *Independence Belge* contains a narrative of a murder of this kind which recently occurred at Brussels. Thirty years ago, a Captain of Dragoons seduced a young girl and then deserted her. A few weeks ago, he became involved in a quarrel with a fellow-officer, challenged him, and killed him at the first fire. The victim was his illegitimate son, and the mother the young girl whom he had seduced, although he did not know him. The mother called upon him one day, and, after upbraiding him for the murder, turned upon him and killed him and then killed herself. Columns might be filled with these extraordinary crimes which have occurred of late.

It seems as if human life was never considered of so little value as now. The slightest pretext is made the occasion of murder. Even young children, when denied the gratification of some passing fancy or whim, have taken revenge for the denial by murder or suicide. The impunity with which crime has been committed where there was some show of pallation, has gradually emboldened every man of brutal instincts to give way to his passion upon the slightest provocation, when, under other circumstances, the fear of punishment would have led him to control his passion within bounds. With the law's delay, the inscrupulousness of prosecuting attorneys, which leaves open loop-holes for escape, and the conflicting testimony of scientific men as to what constitutes emotional insanity, which is now the favorite plea of murderers, and how far a murderer is responsible for his crime in this condition, and the mistaken clemency of the pardoning power, the chances are in favor of escape or light punishment. There is one thing certain: Crime will not cease until the laws are enforced. When a man knows that he must pay the forfeit for taking another man's life with his own, the alarming increase of murder will stop. Until that time, we must expect that murder will continue, and that it will continue to develop new and strange features of cruelty.

PHILLIPS ON FROUDE.

Mr. Froude has roused a more spiteful antagonist than even the Dominican Friar, who has given him so much trouble, or Mr. Meline, who rescued the reputation of Mary Stuart from his hands. No English critic has cut Mr. Froude more savagely than Mr. Wendell Phillips in his Boston lecture, the other evening, or in his address in New York, Monday evening, in which he turned upon the English historian again. This brilliant writer of party pamphlets, as Mr. Phillips styles Froude, had tossed O'Connell aside in one of his lectures as merely a platform agitator. Now, Daniel O'Connell is one of the pet studies of Mr. Phillips, who, whatever his faults may be, has a keen sympathy for the under dog in a fight. He said the laurel woven to-day for the brow of Gladstone was won by his following the statesmanlike suggestions of the great Irish champion, for his greatest claim to public gratitude was his treatment of the Irish question. It was this Irish spectre that paralyzed England and reduced her to the position of a second-rate power on the chess-board of Europe. When England, stung by German insolence to her sister Denmark, and by Bismarck's snubbing last year, longed, like the England of Chatham, to rush into war, she dared not, for she knew that Ireland would stab her in the back. As a background for his portrait of O'Connell, Mr. Phillips sketched preceding Irish history, a field in which he catches Mr. Froude trespassing, and impales him again. He calls Mr. Froude's statements, with regard to the amount of Irish resistance to English oppression, "wild exaggeration." Irish history, at best, is full of guesses, and Froude, if he has the choice of two guesses, always takes care to guess against Ireland. For instance, to excuse the confiscation by James I., about the year 1604, of six of the richest of Irish counties, he pleads that it made no difference, as there was plenty of lands left for the Irish, who numbered only about half a million. But desiring in another place to put the Irish into as humiliating an attitude as possible, he says that they, in 1642, numbering a million and a half, allowed themselves to be conquered by Cromwell with only 50,000 men, *i. e.*, they trebled their population in 38 years. It takes France 66 years to treble hers; the United States, with its immigration and boundless resources, 40 years; but Ireland, pressed to the ground by every sort of want and oppression, trebles more quickly than either. To deepen the colors of their cowardice, Mr. Froude says that the Irish were beaten by Cromwell's 50,000 Anglo-Saxons, although they met him with 200,000 of the million and a half of their numbers. Wonderful! says Mr. Phillips. France, stirred by German hate, put 1 in 50 into arms; Germany, 1 in 38; the South almost emptied its graveyards to enlist 1 in 28; Massachusetts gave 1 in 19; but Ireland, a national wreck, all its adult population gone, with its 900,000 widows, old men, and babies, had 1 man in 4 in the field. "If Mr. Froude tells the truth," Mr. Phillips ended, "no tongue can describe the infamy of the Government that struck at such a people." What will Mr. Froude do with this terrible American? He won't answer his English critics; he dismisses with a curt paragraph Mr. Meline, who charges him specifically with literary counterfeiting; he has given notice that he will pay no further attention to Father Burke. Will he ignore Mr. Phillips in the same way? How does he expect to defend England if he cannot first defend himself?

A DAMAGING CHARGE.

Shortly after the Chicago fire, the Territorial Legislature of the District of Columbia appropriated $100,000 for the relief of the sufferers, and provided that bonds should be issued to cover any deficiency caused by the withdrawal of this sum from the Treasury. Mr. Merrick was Chairman of the Committee to whom the money was to be paid; but, as the payment was continually deferred by Governor Cooke, Mr. Merrick made an investigation which resulted in the discovery that, although the relief money had never been applied, the bonds had been issued and sold. The correspondent of the New York *World* has had an interview with Mr. Merrick on the subject. During this interview, Mr. Merrick stated very emphatically to the *World's* correspondent that the Governor was bound by his promise to sell the bonds and turn the proceeds over to the Committee. The Governor, however, never informed the Committee of the sale, nor ever turned over any of the proceeds after the sale. Mr. Merrick then produced the letters between himself and the Governor. In the first, dated Nov. 30, 1872, Mr. Merrick expresses his surprise that the proceeds of the sale of these bonds has been diverted to some other purpose than that for which they were originally intended, and that the Government was unable to account for the proceeds, and makes a formal request that the amount due the Committee be turned over to it. To this Governor Cooke replied, asking for Mr. Merrick's authority for the statement that the sale of the bonds had been misapplied, and stating that the action of the Committee was subject to draft whenever the Committee needed it for the relief of Chicago,—a safe enough proposition, as it was believed that Chicago was not in need of relief. On the 25th of November Mr. Merrick replied, definitely stating his authorities, and adding to them several indirect sources of information, and here the matter rests. The facts remain that the proceeds were not turned over to the Committee in accordance with the obligations the Governor had assumed. Not being turned over, it is difficult to come to any other conclusion than that the proceeds were diverted to some other purpose.

Some says since, THE TRIBUNE gave a description of that department in the Vienna Exhibition which is to be known as the "Infants' Pavilion," and which is to be devoted to the display of all articles of dress, furniture, play, care, and education of the children. A department which will be scarcely less interesting and useful will be that given up to woman as a worker. The scope of this department, as sketched by the Commissioners of the Vienna Exhibition, includes illustrations from female schools, whether public or private; female work that is peculiar to certain nations or communities; valuable industrial work in embroideries, flowers, and other kindred deliocies; female accomplishments in drawing, painting, sculpture, and other branches of the fine arts; and, finally, the literary work that has been done by women. The outlines for this department do not seem to be so vague as those of children's part of the exhibition. It falls to include distinctly certain industrial and progressive pursuits that have been opened to women notably in England and this country. There is little doubt, however, that specimens of progress that has been made in enlarging the sphere of woman's employment will find proper classification and representation if they shall be presented. Such persons as are interested in this movement should concentrate their efforts, with a view to the full representation of the new fields of labor that women are finding and cultivating on all sides. No argument could be more forcible than bringing the characters and results of these new avocations in contrast with the drudgery of the needle, and the poor reward which it receives in all countries.

Dr. Falk is introducing some radical changes into the Prussian system of education. So far his work is confined mainly to the elementary instruction; but it is reasonable to suppose that if his plans meet with success here, they will be extended to the higher academies, and, perhaps, to the universities. The most important innovation that he has made is in the disuse of the subdivisions as to the sexes. In place of these he has divided the elementary schools of the Kingdom into three grades, with instruction suited to the different ages or stages of advancement. In smaller districts where it is not practicable to have more than two teachers he has made two classes, an upper and a lower class, instead of dividing the school into boys' and girls' departments. He has reduced the religious instruction on week days from six hours to four hours, which is a decided improvement. It will seem strange to Americans that even so long a time as four hours should be devoted to religious instruction in secular schools; but the element of the school system of Prussia is closely connected with the church for one thing, and, for another, there is no institution corresponding to our Sunday Schools. The time which Dr. Falk has taken from religious exercises will henceforth be devoted to the study of history and geography, to be taught more practically than heretofore. It is probable that even the four hours of religious instruction will be somewhat curtailed hereafter, as Dr. Falk has already prohibited the practice of overtaxing the children's memories with lessons hymns and Bible verses by heart.

The curious little Republic of San Marino just now attracting some attention in Europe. It contains about twenty-two square miles, and is situated in Italy, not far from the City of Rimini. It is now a community of about 8,000 inhabitants, and its existence dates back to the year 1183, when a hermit named Marinus built him a hut on the top of the hill upon which it is located. There have been attempts to annex it, and it would not be surprising if the Italian policy of centralization should now seek to absorb it. It is not probable that any such attempts would succeed, if made, as the weakness of this Republic would be its best protection, and as the people would oppose any annexation. They once had the good sense to decline an offer of extension of territory which Napoleon I. made them. Universal suffrage prevails, electing a Council of State, which is divided equally into nobles, a middle class, and small land-owners. There is an army of 1,450 men, and two "Captain-Regents" constitute the executive authority. Fifteen policemen serve to maintain order in the city and country surrounding. The annual expenditure is about $6,000, which is applied annually toward paying off the "national debt," which amounts to $6,000. San Marino attests that at least one hermit has done a good in a naughty world.

A very important educational movement has just been developed at Schenectady, N. Y., which contemplates the consolidation of Union College at Schenectady, the Medical College Law School, and the Dudley Observatory at Albany, under the name of the "Union University of the State of New York." The Trustees of the Medical College, Law School, and Observatory have already ratified the proposition, and the Trustees of Union College are considering it favorably. It is expected that the new organization will be formally consummated at the Medical College, Albany, during the commencement exercises this month. Union College, as of old, will remain at Schenectady, and the other institutions at Albany. This important proposition seems indicate that Union College has broken the shell of its conservatism, and is about to make an effort to elevate itself from the low position it has held so long. Hitherto, Union College has been the *dernier resort* for students whose grade of scholarship was too low to secure their admission into other colleges, and a harbor of refuge for those who were expelled from their Alma Mater. It has been a stepmother for the odds and ends of collegiate life. The new project, however, will correct all this, and give Union College a high standing in the future.

The amusement programmes of Paris do not show any falling off in gayety from former seasons, and the *Gazette des Etrangers* indicates that the city is as full of strangers as ever before. In music, there are Pasdeloup's popular concerts, the Italian grand opera, the French grand opera, the French opera comique, where opera-bouffe scattered throughout the city, half a dozen different theatres; in the drama, Mollere, Corneille, and Racine reign at the *Comedie-Francaise*, Victor Hugo at the Odeon, Sardou at the Chatelet and Vaudeville; spectacles, balls, concerts, circuses, and an infinite variety of other entertainments occupy between twenty and thirty places of amusement which seem to be crowded nightly. The programmes show that opera-bouffe, which has so completely collapsed among us, is more popular than ever in its original home, and that M. Offenbach has found numerous imitators. This style of entertainment, which was once confined to the little *Bouffe-Parisien* theatres in Paris.

The monument to the memory of Thaddeus Stevens was placed in position in the cemetery at Lancaster, Pa., where his remains lie buried, on the 5th inst

IT WAS NOT A MURDER.

The Circumstances Attending the Death of Henry Ohland Cleared Up—He Was Accidentally Killed While Getting Off a Train of Cars.

Detective Tyrrell, who has been investigating the circumstances attending the mysterious death of Henry Ohland, the young man who was found wounded and insensible at the corner of Throop street and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad track, on the evening of the 21st of November, gives it as his opinion that he was not murdered. At 6 o'clock, twenty-five minutes before he was discovered in the condition above described, Ohland, who was a locomotive fireman, left his engine at Halsted street bridge to go to supper. George Group, the engineer, saw him go away. He jumped on the rear platform of a car of an out-going train, which would convey him to Henry street. He boarded at No. 138 on the latter thoroughfare.

It was a very frosty evening, and the steps of the car upon which he rode were coated with ice. The detective believes that, in attempting to jump from the moving train, Ohland slipped, and was thrown into a ditch between two tracks. His face was scratched by coming in contact with a portion of the woodwork of the car, and the fracture in his skull was caused by falling from the end of a tie. The train passed Throop street four minutes past 6, and Ohland was found by John Murphy, a coal dealer living in the vicinity, twenty-one minutes afterward. It is not reasonable to suppose that a murder would have been committed at that hour and in that space of time, more especially as pedestrians were passing from their work every minute. Ohland was not found on the track, as reported by the police; neither was he stabbed; neither was his watch-chain broken. The latter is now in the possession of the detective, and is sound in every part. It is a solid silver chain—such a one as a robber would not be likely to leave behind. The watch was gone, but it is the belief of the detective that it slipped from the insecure ring, and was lost in the snow. Ohland had only nineteen cents upon his person when found. Four or five days before the accident he told the engineer of his locomotive that he wished the paymaster would come around, as he did not have any money. As that official did not get around for some days after the accident, it is presumed that Ohland had not procured any money in the meantime. This is certainly a reasonable solution of the problem, and is, doubtless, correct.

A THREATENED STRIKE.

The Employes of the North and West Side Gas Works Liable to Quit Work on Monday Next—A Reduction of Wages the Reason—What the Gas People Have to Say on the Subject.

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TRADES' ASSEMBLY.

A Rambling Talk About the Peck Legacy, a Mechanics' Institute, and Strikes.

A meeting of the representatives of the various Trades' Unions of the city was held last evening, in Workmen's Hall, Globe Theatre building. There were representatives from ten of the different Unions of the city present. Frank Lawler was chosen Chairman, and A. C. Wollein was Secretary.

A member wished to know something concerning the Peck legacy, which had been left to the Union for the building of a Mechanics' Institute.

The Chairman answered that a Committee called upon Mr. Isaac Spear regarding the matter, who referred them to Mr. T. B. Bryan, who informed them that he thought that if the workingmen would come forward and take proper steps, the Peck legacy of property on Canal, between Washington and Madison streets, would be secured. The President urged that steps be at once taken. He said that while speaking he would ask the representatives to consider the matter of strikes. He also said they ought to consider the poor workingwomen of the city. It was a matter the Union was bound to regard. He also referred to the matter of eight-hour labor, and said it was deplorable that there was no representative in Congress who would foster the cause of the workingmen. Mr. Sullivan said that, as to the Mechanics' Institute, it was placed in the hands of a Committee, who ought to care for it. If it will not, they ought to appoint another Committee.

A member moved that a new Committee be formed to look after the legacy.

The Chair appointed John Sullivan, J. T. Cavanaugh, and Charles Kerchall.

Mr. Sullivan said that, if there was not a better attendance by the representatives of the Union, he was not in for supporting them any longer. He said that as far as the President was concerned he believed he was a scalawag, and was in for deposing him.

No action was taken upon the matter.

After some unimportant business the Union adjourned, to meet two weeks from last night.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ST. LUKE'S CONCERT LAST NIGHT.

Immediately after the Boston fire, the Chicago Medical College managers, finding the depths of their hearts stirred with sympathy and sorrow for the brooding over the great calamity, met in consultation with a few other gentlemen to devise some musical means for the relief of the sufferers. At that meeting it was discovered that there were no sufferers in Boston; but, as they had made up their mouths for music, it was decided to hunt up some home sufferers, and, being about, they discovered that St. Luke's Hospital was always full of sufferers, that it was an excellent charity to aid; and that whatever they might realize from a concert in its behalf would be discreetly distributed, and would be a blessing to the inmates and an encouragement to the lady managers who were devoting themselves to their relief. So it was agreed without a dissenting voice to give a concert with this object in view. The concert came off last evening at Standard Hall, and there was a large audience in attendance. The performers were all pupils of the College, with the exception, Mr. L. A. Phelps, who is a teacher, and, consequently, they were all amateurs, whose admirable toilets and pretty faces made up for the mistakes that were made in the way of charity. The labor of ushering was performed by young gentleman who volunteered their services, and, altogether, the affair went off as smoothly as a marriage bell. The Misses Jaffe were took part in the concert,—Misses Mahler and Krebbess of Chicago, Misses Jaffe were have their names recorded for their musical services in behalf of charity. They were Mrs. F. G. Hall, Mrs. F. Ullman, Mrs. C. D. Carrington, and the Misses Fargo, Keith, Phillippe, Field, McCormick, Oakley, Burtis, Lafayette, Eastman, Pratt, Roberts, Lewis, Swan, Ward, Monroe, and Hollowell. It was the occasion calling for criticism, as all the ladies are pupils of the College, but it is only just to Myrad Miss Nettie Roberts the credit of having played Liszt's transcription of "Rigoletto" in a very artistic way, and with a clearness of touch, power, and excellence of technique which indicate that she will yet make something more than an amateur pianiste. Mrs. Carrington is also deserving of credit for her singing of Bevignani's "La Fioraja," which is fast becoming a favorite concert piece; Mrs. Hall for her singing of the Osborne ballad, "Who's at My Window," and Miss Lewis and Mrs. Ulmann for their performance of Balfe's duo, "Trust Her Not." There were numerous encores, enthusiastic applauders, a brief speech of thanks from Rev. Dr. Locke, which was only a few bars in length, a general expression of satisfaction on the part of the audience, while the general merits of the entertainment were such as to indicate that the College is doing a good work for music.

SACRED CONCERT.

A sacred concert will be given at St. Mary's Church, to-morrow evening, under the auspices of Mr. Frank G. Bohner, the Organist, in which the choir of the church, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Farrell, and Misses Schultze and Bowen, will sing several numbers from Rossini's "Stabat Mater" and miscellaneous sacred selections.

SCOTT-SIDDONS.

It should not be forgotten, will read in the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church this evening. It will be her last appearance this year in Chicago, and, as there is no telling what may happen before next year, everybody should go. The following is the programme:

PART FIRST.

Organ overture to "Zampa"..... Herold
Scenes from "As You Like It"..... Shakspeare
"The Bridge of Sighs"..... Hood
Scenes from "The Merchant of Venice"..... Shakspeare

PART SECOND.

Organ { a. Transcription, "Lohengrin"..... Wagner / b. Offertoire..... Battiste
"Anne Hathaway"; on Shakspeare's Wife..... R. Falconer
"Barbara Frietchie," by especial request..... Whittier
"The Courtship of Henry V."..... Shakspeare
Organ { a. Prelude and Fugue..... Bach / b. Wedding March..... Mendelssohn

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The grocery-store of A. M. Fleischman, No. 112 West Madison street, was robbed of $30 by burglars, at an early hour yesterday morning.

The West Side Music Class, of the Christian Union, will meet this evening, at 205 West Madison street, under the direction of Professor O. Blackman. This class is entirely free to all the members of the Union.

John Donaldson, whose wife reported him as missing to the police authorities, was found on the North Side, yesterday. He is out of his mind.

The residence of Fred. Peters, No. 161 North Morgan street, was entered, yesterday afternoon, by a sneak-thief, who appropriated jewelry worth $40.

The time for paying the water-tax, without the extra 10 per cent, expires at 6 o'clock this afternoon. To-morrow, the penalty will be added, and the water supply of the people who have not paid their tax will be cut off.

Joseph Baker, while attempting to jump on a moving freight train, on the Northwestern Railroad, near May street, yesterday morning, made a misstep and fell on the track. His right leg was amputated below the knee, and he was attended by Dr. Wenzer.

The West and South Division Railway Companies will, this morning, resume the running of through cars from Union Park to Twenty-second street. This will be good news to residents of both divisions of the city. Twenty new and elegant cars will be put on this line.

The Board of Bridewell Commissioners held a meeting at the Mayor's office, yesterday, and talked about contracts, the removal of obstructions from the river near the House of Correction, and the securing of additional ground for manufacturing brick. No definite action was taken.

Thomas P. Tallman, Cashier of the Traders' National Bank, has been appointed Receiver of the Scandinavian National Bank. The Comptroller of the Currency expresses the opinion that the assets of the bank will pay the creditors in full, and the losses will have to be borne entirely by the stockholders.

A scaffolding, upon which ten plasterers were at work, fell twenty feet, in Tom Foley's billiard hall, on South Clark street, yesterday afternoon. Three of the men were so seriously injured that their lives are despaired of. Their names or residences could not be ascertained, as they had been but recently employed, and were comparative strangers to their fellow-workmen.

Hiram Jurgens, a bar-tender employed in the boarding-house No. 51 Meagher street, was arrested yesterday by Detective Tyrrell on a warrant sworn out by Thomas Egan, who charges him with having taken $64 from his pocket while he was asleep one morning. Another boarder misses a few dollars, and it is believed that Jurgens took that also.

Officer Elsas, of the Mayor's staff, while in a second-hand store, yesterday, encountered a small boy, who was anxious to dispose of a silver-mounted revolver. Elsas asked the lad where he got it, but he did not receive an answer, the boy dropping the weapon and running away as fast as he could.

Mrs. Patrick O'Neill arrived in this city, from London, two months ago, in search of her son, who formerly resided here. She brought with her his little daughter, and they are in great want at No. 113 Wright street. If any one knows of the whereabouts of the son and father, they will perform an act of charity by leaving word at the Mayor's office.

At half-past 10 o'clock yesterday morning, an unknown man was run over at the Eighteenth street crossing of the Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne Railroad, and instantly killed. He attempted to cross the track between two cars, and the train starting suddenly he was thrown beneath the wheels. The body was taken to the Morgue. Deceased was about 50 years of age, and was dressed in gray coat and pants, and wore a black felt hat and rubber shoes.

Alexander Brown, residing at No. 1144 West Jackson street, reported at police headquarters, yesterday, that a mob of sneak-thieves, ten in number, composed of boys from 14 to 20 years of age, entered his house, between 11 and 12 o'clock on Thursday forenoon, and stole wearing apparel and jewelry to the value of $80. The majority of them reside in the neighborhood, and are so well known that they can hardly escape arrest.

Boundsman Simmons and a squad of policemen raided the gambling house of Al Sykes, on the second floor of No. 54 West Madison street, last evening, and arrested the keeper and eight inmates. All of the latter gave fictitious names. Three of them were very verdant, and couldn't understand why they were locked up. After remaining in the Sixth Precinct Station an hour, they were released, every one giving bail for his appearance at the Police Court this morning.

A correspondent, signing himself "Humanity," informs THE TRIBUNE that, at half-past 11 o'clock last Saturday forenoon, two men named T. V. Powers and John J. McCormick were precipitated from a scaffolding in the new hotel at Highland Park. "The doctors," he says, "pronounce Power's back slightly broken." "Humanity" calls for a subscription in aid of the men from the gentlemen comprising the Hotel Company.

A few days ago there was a howl among gas consumers and a general recourse to gas-fitters, whose order-books overrun with summons to "stop leaks." There was abroad in community an odor worse than of gas, and yet it was recognized as gas, and proceedings were had accordingly, but of no avail, until the nuisance died out of itself. It has transpired that the Chicago Gas-Light & Coke Company were experimenting with a new variety of coal. The public will believe one test enough, without seeking to know further. If that coal is not a "bad egg," it certainly smelt like one.

The two bears in Lincoln Park are to be attached for debt. Captain Harry Faith claims that Captain Mat. Boardman owes him $122, and that Boardman owns the animals. Justice Scully issued the necessary writ yesterday, but constable Slavin declined to serve it, as his life is not insured. Constable Slavin, after consulting "Buffalo Bill" and "Texas Jack," who are stopping at the Barnes House, consented to capture the bears and bring them before Scully. The three will start for Lincoln Park this morning.

A meeting of the officers of several of the trades-unions was held in the Globe Theatre Hall last evening. Frank Lawler presided, and said the object of assembling was to learn what had become of the Peck estate on Canal street, between Washington and Madison, which was left as a legacy to the Workingmen of Chicago. He also referred to the eight-hour system, and urged the necessity of its thorough proposition. Mr. Sullivan said a committee had already been appointed to look after the Mechanics' Institute, and, as they had [illegible] to do so, he thought another committee should take charge of the matter. On motion, Thomas Kavanaugh, John Sullivan, Charles Kirchall, and Frank Lawler were appointed a Committee to confer with Isaac Spear and T. B. Bryan, Managers of the Institute. Another meeting will be held at the same place two weeks from last night.

A burglary was committed in the yard of the Dry Dock Company, on Fifth avenue, during Thursday night, wherein fourteen tool chests were broken open, and a quantity of carpenter's tools, amounting in value to several hundred dollars, stolen. Officer John McGarry, of the First Precinct, found the property on board of the canal boat Erwin, and arrested a man named John McBride, one of the boat's crew, on suspicion of having committed the theft. An extensive assortment of marked linen goods was also found on the boat, and was taken to the Station for indentification. Any person who has lost such property should call and examine this collection.

J. H. Smalley, of No. 52 Chicago avenue, was before Commissioner Hoyne yesterday, for issuing a business card which is a *fac simile* of the twenty-five cent fractional currency. He was "up" some time ago, and promised to withdraw the cards from circulation, but one was recently passed by a clerk in the Sub-Treasury. Mr. Smalley asserted that he had collected and destroyed all the notes he could find, and had not issued any additional ones. Mr. Glover, the United States District Attorney, requested him to get the lithographic plates from which the notes were printed, and Smalley produced them. They were destroyed in the presence of Commissioner Hoyne and Mr. Glover, and Smalley was dismissed.

PERSONAL.

Hon. E. M. Marshall, Minneapolis, is at the Tremont.

Hon. Wm. Loughridge, of Iowa, is at the Tremont.

Hon. John B. Miller, of Des Moines, Iowa, is at the Tremont.

Hon. Corydon Wood, of Bloomington, is at the Tremont.

The County Clerk issued fifteen marriage licenses yesterday.

Captain W. G. Mitchell, United States Army, is at the Gardner.

General William T. Wilson, Des Moines, Ia., is at the Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Siddons, of England, are at the Tremont.

W. C. Cleveland, Esq., of the Fort Wayne Road, returned from his Northern trip yesterday.

Judge Bitturney and Captain L. S. Plando, Manitoba, British Possessions, are at the Gardner.

Richard Kane is missing. He came to Chicago from Ogdensburgh, N. Y., last Friday, and has not been heard of but once since. A check for $100, sent to him by express, was taken from the office by him. Kane is about 60 years of age, and is blind in one eye.

"Oliver Optic," who has written so many books for juveniles, will lecture for the boys and girls in the Union Park Congregational Church this afternoon. His subject will be "The Fortunes and Misfortunes of a Young Printer." Young and old should hear him.

The following are at Anderson's European Hotel: Wm. H. Stoetzel, Milwaukee; A. J. Hodges, Irwin, Ill.; C. B. Wilber, New York; V. M. Ayers, Galva, Ill.; D. Dorg, Cincinnati; H. Bunshaund, Winona, Minn.; E. Canklin, New York; E. Smith, Rockford; J. Tuperman, Texas.

The following were registered at the Gardner yesterday: A. Dubosq, Philadelphia; M. A. Hanna, Cleveland; H. K. Lincoln, George E. Kanze, Detroit; Mrs. A. B. Saxton, New York; H. W. French, Boston; Robert B. Young, St. Louis; James Noel, Massillon, Ohio; W. W. Doane, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Lem Higby, New Orleans; M. D. DeWolf, Milwaukee; Peter Kiene, Jr., Dubuque.

The following are at the Tremont: N. W. Trobridge, Kansas City; S. L. Dowe, Cedar Rapids; Ben Sampson, Rochester; Wm. F. Sexton, Philadelphia; B. F. Richardson, Jr., Boston; Edward Holbrook, New York; J. C. Dunn, Vincennes, Ind.; L. R. Morris, Detroit; C. Weed, Bloomington; Chas. H. Hapgood, St. Louis; B. J. Turner, Lincoln, Neb.

The following were among the arrivals at the Briggs yesterday: C. O. Snow, Kansas City; S. Hiles, Philadelphia; E. H. Greggs, Rockford; E. Caufield, Aurora; W. B. Baily, Champaign; F. W. Lawrence, New York; E. A. Casey, Peoria; Mrs. Fiddler, Pittsburgh; W. W. Fidler, Bloomington; George W. Frost, New York; P. H. Rumsey, St. Paul; N. S. Ketchum; P. Higgins, Madison, Wis.

Officers Slayton and Gallagher, of the First Precinct, Officers Miller and Flynn, of the Sixth Precinct, and Officer Dargon, of the Tenth Precinct, have been appointed to act as detectives in their respective districts. This will relieve the headquarters men of a great deal of unimportant business, and afford them an opportunity to display their skill in cases of a serious nature.

The following are at the Sherman: B. C. Truman, San Francisco; I. G. Wooley, Washington, D. C.; L. E. Snow, Philadelphia; George Horton, Newark, N. J.; W. R. Jennings, Detroit; John Gould, Cincinnati; E. W. Keys, Madison, Wis.; P. E. Kingsbury, Columbus, Ohio; H. D. Blakerly, Buffalo; E. N. Bentley, Montpelier, Vt.; W. L. Gage, St. Louis; James B. Herron, Oshkosh, Wis.; P. S. Sanborn, Texas; J. Q. Adams, Lexington, Ky.; L. S. Stone, Memphis; B. F. Baker, Mobile; L. T. Wilcox, New York.

Mrs. Kate N. Daggett gave the first of her Art Lectures to the members of the South Branch of the Christian Union, on Thursday evening. The class-room was crowded by a delighted company, who listened to the most finished performance which the Union has yet elicited. Mrs. Daggett began with the first ages of architecture and sculpture, and gave to her hearers a sparkling, graceful, eloquent, and, better than all, thoroughly studied and correct, history of these arts, which she illustrated lavishly with the beautiful photographs in her possession. These lectures are to be given fortnightly, the next being on Thursday evening, Dec. 26. They are free only to the members of the Union.

The American *Register*, Paris, Nov. 23, notes the whereabouts of the following Chicago people abroad; Paris—C. S. Crane, John A. Cutler and family, George L. Dunlap and family, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Pullman, A. H. Hatch, Miss May Hubbard, Mrs. O. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. T. M. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Kelly and six children, Miss M. T. McDougall, H. L. and Miss A. E. Norton, Mrs. J. Pendleton, Mrs. C. D. Rhodes, M. Byersan, Mrs. Singer, Mrs. T. Woodbridge. London—A. J. Fisher, C. W. Vail. Nice, France—Charles Knickerbocker. Dresden, Germany—F. C. and T. G. D. Larned. Munich, Bavaria—Mrs. R., Miss Rose, and Miss Francis Howe. Geneva, Switzerland—Mrs. H. H. Porter. Florence, Italy—W. H. Bigelow and family, Miss Fay Calhoun, Miss Clara Gordy, Miss S. L. Latiner, H. E. Opdyke.

A DUTY PERFORMED.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Your most excellent editorial, on the fearful calamity at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, reminds me that I have a duty to perform, in calling the attention of the public to as neatly conceived and perfectly executed piece of diabolism as can be found; that is the lower staircase leading from the gallery of Aiken's Theatre to the street. Let those interested examine for themselves, and imagine the result in case of a stampede from that portion of the house. Nothing could be more terrible in such an event, even if detail of construction would make it so in case of a panic, even to the large doors *opening inward*, a fatal error. See to it, you who have responsibility in the matter, and close not your eyes, to open them when too late. E.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13, 1872.

California Sunday Train.

The regular Sunday train for Omaha, San Francisco, and all intermediate points, carrying the great California, China, and Japan mails, will run through to-morrow, Dec. 15, via Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, leaving the great Central Depot, foot of Lake street, at 10:15 a. m., the regular time of Pacific Fast Line, stopping at Indiana avenue and Canal street stations, arriving at Omaha Monday morning, making close connections with the Union Pacific Railroad for all points west. Through tickets reading via Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and Chicago & Northwestern Railroads will be taken on this train.

The Box-Nailing Machine,

invented by Mr. Edward Beard, now on exhibition at No. 57 West Lake street, is a marvel of mechanical ingenuity. It is a self-feeder, can be adapted to any sized box, and does its work with rapidity and accuracy. Mr. Beard has spent much time in bringing this machine to perfection. A first-class opportunity is offered capitalists to make a profitable [illegible] in the purchase of rights, or by [illegible] in the introduction of the machine [illegible] at it.

Burnett's Cocoaine
makes the Hair glossy and beautiful.

Cod Liver Oil.
Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil is the best.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Stock speculation was the only interesting feature of Wall street to-day. The dealings were marked by increased depression, and a further decline in the leading shares.

Money was in active demand at 7 to 1-16, closing easier at 7. Sterling strong at 109¾ for long, and 110¾ for short sight.

Gold was heavy, declining from 113⅝ to 112¾, rallying to 112¾, and closing at 113⅛@112¾. Loans, 1-64 to flat for use; then 3@5 for carrying. Clearings, $38,000,000. Treasury disbursements, $119,000.

Governments quiet and firm.

State bonds dull.

The stock market was active in the several speculative shares, but at declining figures. Pacific Mail was very active and irregular, opening at 37¾, advancing to 73¾, falling to 70⅝, and closing at 72¾. Many of the weaker holders are said to have been shaken out. Rock Island fell from 111¾ to 109¾, on rumors of a new issue and trouble about an old land-grant. St. Joseph common fell from 49 to 46½, reacting to 48¾. Panama fell from 136 to 134, but recovered partially. In other shares the fluctuations were smaller, but generally downward. The whole market, nevertheless, closed steady. Among the business of the day were small sales of New York and New Foundland Telegraph at par.

Sterling 109@109¼.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	117¾	Coupons, '67	116¾
5-20s of '62	113	Coupons, '68	116½
Coupons, '64	113	New 5s	111
Coupons, '65	113¾	10-40s	110¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	115¾	Currency 6s	119¾

STATE BONDS.

Missouris	93¾	Virginias, old	67
Tennessees, old	79¼	North Carolinas, old	34½
Tennessees, new	51	North Carolinas, new	31
Virginias, new	50		

STOCKS.

Canton	101	St. Paul pfd	77¾
W. U. Tel	70¾	Wabash	71
Quicksilver	44¼	Wabash pfd	84
Adams Express	93	Fort Wayne	93½
Wells Fargo	89¾	Terre Haute	14
American Express	66¾	Terre Haute pfd	35
United States Ex	41	Chicago & Alton	111
Pacific Mail	72¾	C. & A. pfd	113½
New York Central	96	C. & M.	46½
Erie	23	C., C. & C.	90½
Erie pfd	51	C., R. I. & P.	93¾
Harlem	117	Lake Shore	94¾
Harlem pfd	127	Indiana Central	35
Michigan Central	118½	Illinois Central	122
Pittsburgh	98	Un. Pacific stocks	37½
Northwestern	87¾	U. P. bonds	89¾
N. W. pfd	90¾	Can. Pacific bonds	103
Rock Island	109¾	Del., Lac & W	91
St. J., Can	102	R., H. & Erie	8¾
St. Paul	34½		

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13—11 a. m.—Flour, 29s 6d. Wheat—Winter, 11s 10d; Spring, 11s@12s 9d; White, 12s@12s 6d; Club, 12s 6d@12s. Corn, 23s 6d. Pork, 70s. Lard, 58s 6d.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13—3 p. m.—Breadstuffs steady. Flour, 30s. Corn, 29s 6d@29s 9d. Beef unchanged. Receipts of wheat for the last three days, 30,000 quarters, 29,000 being American.

LONDON, Dec. 13—5 p. m.—Consols, money, 91¼@91⅝; account, 91⅜; 5-20s of '65, 91½; 5-20s of '67, 92; 10-40s, 90¾; new 5s, 89¾. Erie, 49½; sperm oil, 90.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 13—5-20s of 1862, 96¼.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Rentes, 84f 50c. The specie in the Bank of France has decreased 500,000f during the week.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13.—Cotton firm; middling uplands, 10¼d; Orleans, 10½d. Sales, 18,000 bales; speculation and export, 4,000 bales. Sales of the week 84,000 bales; export, 8,000 bales; speculation, 5,000 bales. Stock, 365,000 bales; American, 54,000 bales. Receipts of the week, 60,000 bales; American, 35,000 bales; actual export, 7,000 bales. Stock afloat, 218,000 bales; American, 130,000 bales.

Breadstuffs steady. Red winter wheat, 11s 10d. Flour, 30s. Corn, 29s 6d@29s 9d.

Cheese, 65s. Cumberland middles, 39s; short ribs, 40s.

Yarns and fabrics, at Manchester, firm, with an upward tendency.

Receipts of wheat for the past three days, 30,000 qrs, of which 26,000 qrs were American. Receipts of corn for the past three days, 30,000 qrs; American, 18,000 qrs.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, Dec. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts, 663 head, making the total for the week thus far 4,000 head, or 471 cars, against 214 cars the same time last week. Market lifeless, but few buyers in attendance, and they are not disposed to purchase. Owners to effect sales will be obliged to submit to a decline of 15@ from last week's closing prices. Quite a large number of cattle will be held over. Not sufficient trade to give character to the market. Sales, 24 Ohio steers, averaging 1,095 lbs, at $4.80@4.85; 30 Ohio cows and heifers, 942 lbs, at $3.50; 30 Michigan steers, 1,000 to 1,065 lbs, at $3.75@4.00; 23 Michigan stockers, 853 lbs, at $3.50; 82 fair Texans, 1,150 lbs, at $4.00, and $1 per head premium.

SHEEP—Receipts Light—To-day 320, making the total for the week thus far 11,400 against 8,400 last week. Market a little more active than yesterday. Canada lambs, $6.00@6.50; Canada sheep, $5.00@5.50; Western, $4.00@5.00, extra lots bringing higher prices. But few sales were made public to-day, quite a quantity of Christmas stock sold at prices ranging over 5c. A large number of sheep and lambs are held over. Sales: 223 extra Canadian sheep, av 114 to 178 lbs, at $5.75@6.75; 411 extra Michigan sheep, av 80 to 90 lbs, at $5.25@5.37½.

HOGS—To-day 11,400, making the total for the week thus far 48,700 against 37,500 last week. Market slow and about 5c off. Right Yorkers commanding the highest prices, quoted at $4.10@4.35; 1 picked lots higher. A fancy lot of Ohio hogs, McGee stock, av 430 lbs, at $4.45. Sales: 1,200 Ohio hogs, av 200 to 255 lbs, at $4.30@4.50.

Albany Live Stock Market.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 13.—BEEVES—The supply this week has been good, consisting of sixty-nine cars over last week's receipts, and some Christmas cattle are among the offerings. Only a small trade has been done yesterday, but this morning the attendance of New York, Eastern, Brighton, and local dealers was large. The offerings this week are far superior in quality to last, but the supply far exceeds the demand, consequently at the opening there was a decline of ¼c ₩ lb. Even this failed to render the market active, most of the buyers having apparently attended more for the purpose of looking at the fine cattle than making any purchases. A further concession of a quarter cent per pound on good butchering cattle was made in some cases, and it is more than probable that the reduction will be made general to-morrow.

MILCH COWS—In light demand and receipts; no change in prices.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Several droves of Christmas stock are embraced in the receipts, but, although the quality shows an improvement, the general trade is quiet, with a decreased local demand. There are now fully 80 car-loads on the market, and prices are about 50@75c ₩ lb for coarse wool sheep; 4¾ to 5¼c for fine wool, and 7½ to 8c ₩ lb for lambs.

HOGS—The market for live stock is very dull. Eighty Western, averaging 314 lbs, were sold at $5.00 ₩ cwt, and 276 Southern Ohios, averaging 355 lbs, at $5.00 per cwt. Dressed hogs bring 6¾ to 6c ₩ lb.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—BEEVES—Receipts to-day, including some late yesterday, 950, making 9,000 for the week, against 8,100 last week. No change; only cold lots are well cleared up. Sales 2 cars fair, 6¾ cwt, Cheshires, at 6c, with 80 cars poor Texan, mainly weighing at 80, 85 lbs per cwt; 4 cars skin 6¾ cwt Illinois at 10½c, 3 cars, 7 cwt, at 11¼c; 2 cars 1st Ohio, 7¾ cwt at 12@13½c.

SHEEP—Receipts to-day, 3,000, completing 6,600 for the week, against 38,300 last week. Trade dull, but prices firm at 4¾@5¼c for thin, and 5¾@6¼c for fair to prime. Car choice 90-lb Ohio sheep sold at 7c; car poor 73-lb at 5c; bar 93-lb Illinois at 6¼c.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,300, making 41,500 for the week, against 41,500 last week. Several cars of Western dressed arrived and sold at 5¾@5¾c, with city slaughtered at 5¾@5¾c at sidings. The market closed firm.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Business was very quiet to-day in all departments. The market for cotton goods is firm and generally without change in quotations. Indian Head, ¼, and 46-inch brown sheetings have been advanced ½c per yard by jobbers. Dress goods are in better demand. Pacific chintz foulards are sold at 37½c. Woollens are quiet except for small lots of spring weight cassimeres. The New York *Daily Bulletin* says foreign goods are very dull. Ribbons, silk velvets, and millinery silks are selling very low at auction.

Pittsburgh Live Stock Market.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13.—CATTLE—Market dull; arrivals fair; best, $5.50@5.75; stockers, $3.00@4.00; fair to medium, $4.50@5.00; common, $3.50@4.00.

SHEEP—Dull; arrivals fair; best, $5.50@6.00; medium, $4.50@5.00; common, $3.50@4.00.

HOGS—Market dull; arrivals heavy; Philadelphia, $4.10@4.30; Yorkers, $4.00@4.20.

The Produce Markets.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—COTTON—In moderate demand; middling uplands, 19½c.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet and unchanged; receipts, 6,000 brls. Rye flour and corn meal unchanged. Wheat firmer, with scarcity of freight-room checks business; receipts, 17,000 bu; No. 2 Chicago and Northwestern spring, $1.51@1.52; No. 3 spring, $1.44@1.45; Iowa spring, $1.49; red Western, $1.76. Rye scarce. Barley and malt unchanged. Corn a shade firmer; receipts, 9,000 bu; steamer Western mixed, 65¾@66c; sail, 67c. Oats quiet and steady; receipts, 11,000 bu; old mixed Western, 53@55c; new, 49@51c; white, 52@55c.

EGGS—Quiet; Western, 34@35c.

HAY—Steady.

HOPS—Firm.

GROCERIES—Coffee firm; Rio, 18¾@19¼c. Sugar dull; fair to good refining, 9¾@9¾c; Orlns, 9¾@10c. Molasses in fair demand; New Orleans, 80@82c. Rice quiet at 7¾@8¾c.

PETROLEUM—Crude, 12½c; refined, 27@27¾c.

TURPENTINE—Dull, at 40¾c.

PROVISIONS—Pork firmer; new mess, $13.75@14.00; old, $13.25; prime mess, $15.00. Beef dull; mess, $10.00@12.00; extra, $12.00@15.50. Cut meats unchanged. Middles weak; short clear for January, 7¾c; long and short clear, for January, 7¾c; long clear, spot, 7c. Lard weak; No. 1 to prime steam, 7¾@8c; kettle, 8¼@8¾c.

BUTTER—Steady; Western, 19@26c.

CHEESE—Easier at 11@14½c.

WHISKEY—Firm and in good demand at [illegible]

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 13.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat buoyant but unsettled; No. 1, $1.21; No. 2, $1.13¾. Oats firm; No. 2, 26¾c. Corn dull and nominal; No. 2, 37c. Rye in fair demand and higher; No. 1, 63c. Barley steady; No. 2, 65c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 brls; wheat, 22,000 bu; barley, 4,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 brls; wheat, 4,000 bu; barley, 400 bu.

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour firm under triple extra, $7.75@8.75; family, $10.00@10.50. Corn scarce

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 13.

The demand for money in the local market continues active, and is in excess of the supply at the command of the banks. Merchants, however, report tolerable success in collecting in the country, and the liquidation of indebtedness of country merchants to city merchants, and of the West to the East, is progressing satisfactorily. There is considerable good paper in the open market yet at 1¾ per cent per month.

New York Exchange was weaker to-day, owing to the large supply on the market. Sales were made between banks at from par to 25c per $1,000 premium.

THE SECRET "WINSLOW FAILURES."

The Scandinavian Savings Bank, No. 17 Milwaukee avenue, which failed from the same cause that brought about the failure of the Scandinavian *National* Bank, had only $60,000 of deposits, but this sum belongs to 900 depositors who are much excited about it. The bank has assets that will realize 40 per cent of the deposits. The more the affairs of the Scandinavian *National* Bank are investigated, the more it is apparent that the concern is rotten, root and branch. It is now understood that among the "bills discounted" by the bank are $70,000 of notes made by two parties, one of whom is prominent in the present closing up of its affairs, and the other of whom is likely to be appointed Receiver. These notes were made in a real estate transaction last spring, and have *one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, and eight years to run.* There is reason to believe that these notes were taken by the bank recently, or at least long since Winslow, the decamping President, left for Europe. Whatever censure Winslow may be entitled to, he should not be made the scapegoat for others who have manipulated the affairs of the bank so as to use the money of its depositors for their private speculations. Notwithstanding the books of the Scandinavian National Bank showed it had $40,000 cash on the evening of Dec. 9, the date when the bank closed its doors, it is questionable whether it had any considerable sum of either money or available exchange on Dec. 10. If Comptroller Knox understands, as he should, that the Bank Examiner is interested in putting the best possible aspect on his neglect to discover the rotten condition of the Scandinavian National Bank months ago, he will also understand that he should not be governed too much by the recommendations from that quarter touching the appointment of a Receiver.

THE OIL MONOPOLY

is one of the instances showing the characteristic financial tendencies of the times to concentrate money and power. The movement to make a monopoly was begun by the refiners, who proposed to enrich themselves by bearing the market for crude oils and bulling the market for refined. The principle on which this monopoly was started is precisely the same as that of the trades-unions, and the action of the ring of refiners is the same as that in trade strikes. The producers of oil, however, found that they were to be made one class of victims, and, in self-defence, they formed a ring of their own, the avowed purpose of which is to reduce the production and increase the price of the crude article. They agreed to pump their wells only to a certain extent, and thus control the production. In order to have the resolutions working, they were delegated to pool the earnings, and thus the whole oil-producing region has become, practically, the property of one consolidation. The producers' "ring" has had power enough to break up the refiners' first "ring," but has finally taken some of the refiners into its good graces, and now rules the whole oil market for both crude and refined. A refiner who is a member of the producers' monopoly, endeavors to excuse it in a letter to an Eastern paper, by saying that the object of the combination is "simply to obtain what it justly obtain due, and what, for over two years, they have been deprived of—viz.: a fair compensation for the capital employed, and the risk run in carrying on their business. A manufacturer who finds an over stock on his hands, will naturally stop producing until the regular demands of trade relieve him. Why should not a refiner, or a body of refiners, do the same with their goods? It is straight-forward, legitimate business. And when the refiners of the country took this step, and called upon the producers to stop pumping for thirty days, to prevent a flood in the below-cost price of crude, and surplus of both crude and refined, it was a measure of prudence and not for extortion."

This argument seems plausible enough, but it is just that used by every monopoly. The trouble is that strikers, trades-unions, and other monopolies never know when they have got what is justly their due," but will, if they have the power, they take good care to get enough. A combination of manufacturers and producers who have a monopoly of any special article, like that of oil, however, do not simply allow their own property to lie idle, but they prevent any one else from going into the business who might be willing to do it for a smaller profit.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
U. S. 6s of '81	117½	117¾
5-20s of '65, coupon	113¾	113¾
5-20s of '65, reg. int	112¾	113
5-20s of '65, reg. int	112¾	113¼
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	115¾	115¾
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	115¾	115¾
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	116¾	116¾
10-40s	109¾	109¾
U. S. 7s (new issue), ex. int	110¾	110¾
U. S. 7-30 currency 6s	109	109½
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100 and int.	
Chicago City 7s	99¾ and int.	
Cook County 7s	99¾ and int.	
Illinois, County and Township 10s	93@98	
Sterling Exchange, (large drafts)	109	@110¾

REAL ESTATE.

The following warrantee deeds were filed for record on Friday, Dec. 13:

CITY PROPERTY.

Lot 8 in Block 24, Lot 3 in Block 28, Lot 4 and Sub-Lots 1 to 5 of Lot 7, in Block 25; also Lots 18 to 22 in Block 11, all in Original Town of Chicago, dated Dec. 7, consideration, $238,280. Conrad Furst and David Bradley to Furst & Bradley Manufacturing Co.

Bonores et, bet Jackson and Van Buren sts, e f, 20 ft to alley, dated Oct. 14; consideration, $4,250.

Emerald av, bet Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth sts, w f, 24 ft to alley, dated Dec. 2; consideration, $350.

Lot 20 of Lot 1, in Block 43, Sec 7, 39, 14, dated Oct. 28; consideration, $2,000.

Lots 24 to 27 of Greenebaum's Lots 32 to 37, in Block 51 in Sec 7, 39, 14, dated Dec. 9; consideration, $7,500.

West Adams st, s e corner of Lincoln st, s f, 90x120 ft, dated Dec. 9; consideration, $10,000.

Market st, 40 ft n of Quincy st, w f, 45x70.93 ft, dated Dec. 11; consideration, $22,500.

West Harrison st, bet Dunne av and May st, n f, Lot 1 and w ½ ft of Lot 4, dated Dec. 13; consideration, $4,000.

Same as the above, dated Dec. 13; consideration, $4,000.

West Eighteenth st, 116 ft w of Johnson st, n f, 24½ x81½ ft, dated Oct. 21; consideration, $1,650.

West Eighteenth st, 140½ ft w of Johnston st, n f, 22x81½ ft, dated Oct. 21; consideration, $1,600.

Eighteenth place, 116 ft w of Johnson st, s f, 24½x 81½ ft; dated Oct. 21; consideration, $1,650.

Hamlin av, 212 ft n of West Lake st, e f, 25x125 ft, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $1,187.

Ontario st, Cogsbury's, e f, Lots 9 to 14, in Young's subdivision, dated Nov. 27; consideration, $13,000.

Lots 39 and 40, in Block 2 of Harrison's Blocks 1 and 2, Sec 19, 39, 14, dated Dec. 12; consideration, $1,800.

Burnside st, bet Thirty-second and Thirty-third sts, e f, 25 ft to alley, dated Oct. 29; consideration, $2,600.

Wallace st, n of Thirty-fifth st, e f, 20x120 ft, dated Oct. 30; consideration, $800.

Lots 13 to 20, in Block 13, of e ½ Sec 21, 39, 14, with other lots, dated Nov. 22; consideration, $47,000.

Wabash av, s of and near Thirtieth st, w f, Lot 10, dated Dec 9; consideration, $7,000.

West Erie st, 163 Baldwin and Starr sts, n f, Lot 28, dated Dec. 9; consideration, $1,600.

Lot 15, in Block 6, of Morton's e ½ of n w ¼ Sec 11, 39, 13, dated Dec. 7; consideration, $900.

Wabash av, near Twenty-eighth st, w f, 20 7/12x 120 ft, with building, dated Oct. 21; consideration, $4,000.

Fuller st, s of Quincy st, w f, 25 ft to alley, with improvements, dated Dec. 13; consideration, $2,000.

South Water st, bet State st and Wabash av, n f, 10 3-12x140 ft, dated Dec. 7; consideration, $9,716.

Kreigs et, s e cor of Oakley st, n f, Lot 14, dated Nov. 8; consideration, $600.

Wabash av, bet Thirty-second and Thirty-third sts, w f, 6 ft to alley, dated Dec. 1; consideration, $600.

Wrightwood st, 97 ft e of Racine av, s f, 19¾x124¾ ft, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $400.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Baltic st, n w corner of Fifty-second st, Lot 21, dated Sept. 28; consideration, $600.

Lots 11 and 12, in Block 14, of Adam Smith's Subdivision, s w ¼ Sec 36, 39, 13, dated Dec. 11; consideration, $600.

Lots 10 to 24, in Block 2, of Traver's n w ¼ s w ¼ of s e ¼ Sec 6, 39, 14, dated Dec. 7; consideration, $2,400.

Lots 18 to 23, in same, dated Dec. 7; consideration, $1,200.

Lot 18, in Block 3, in Springer & Pierce's s ½ of Lot 39, in n w ¼ Sec 16, 38, 14, dated Dec. 4; consideration, $750.

Lots 34 and 35, in Block 1, of Nicholas & McKinley's w part of Lot 9, in Sec 14, 38, 14, dated Dec. 9; consideration, $700.

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 13.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date a year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	9,321	9,733	7,119	2,705
Wheat, bu	61,940	22,000	19,404	1,000
Corn, bu	33,400	144,295	4,661	21,543
Oats, bu	35,300	23,369	18,115	7,341
Rye, bu	2,733	1,078	2,942	360
Barley, bu	16,200	22,060	12,250	16,293
Grass seed, lbs	58,000	117,220		34,831
Flax seed, lbs	24,300			
Broom corn, lbs	62,870	49,161	13,550	46,315
Cured meats, lbs	443,160	809,870	1737,775	2079,548
Beef, brls		108	34	130
Pork, brls	200	600	600	230
Lard, lbs	71,300	689,105	179,297	892,177
Tallow, lbs	20,900	65,870		78,700
Butter, lbs	56,700	48,820	25,600	21,270
Dressed hogs, No	2,820	2,677	630	3,607
Live hogs, No	25,576	24,412	3,071	1,967
Cattle, No	1,000	1,371	748	947
Sheep, No	1,311	780		878
Pork, brls	171,400	96,500	190,387	128,311
Highwines, brls	1,150	584	266	220
Wool, lbs	158,420	16,300	30,640	43,857
Potatoes, bu	1,016	5,120	48	
Lumber, m feet	330	300	200	300
Shingles, m	80	80	100	218
Salt, brls			87	5
	225		1,751	4,749

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 83 bu wheat; 3,610 bu corn; 645 bu oats; 226 bu rye; 2,684 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 169 cars wheat; 131 cars corn; 28 cars oats; 4 cars rye; 42 cars barley. Total, 374 cars, or 144,-000 bu.

The transaction in barley, which was exposed in our columns this morning, was the occasion of considerable sensation to-day, and two or three gentlemen who knew of the affair, but were interested in not saying anything about it, admitted that our report was substantially correct. It seems that the transposition originated in what might be regarded by the person benefitted as a happy accident. He owns a mill for cleaning grain, and was engaged, a few weeks ago, in cleaning No. 3 barley, taken from Armour, Dole & Co.'s houses, which was then run into the North Side house, and inspected as No. 2. One of the car-loads of No. 3 was switched round to the second elevator, by mistake, without being unloaded at the cleaning mill, and Mr. X. was agreeably surprised to find that it was inspected in as No. 2. Acting on the hint, he extended his purchases of Armour, Dole & Co.'s receipts for No. 3, and procured all the cars that were available on the Northwestern Road to transfer it to the other house, where it was received without fault-finding in a single case as good, nearest No. 2. This is the story as told on 'Change to-day, and we may add, in justice to the Chief Inspector, Mr. Tompkins, that he has been for a long time past confined to his bed with a broken leg, so that he is not personally responsible for the result, unless it be shown that his system permitted such a blunder during his temporary absence from the department.

It may be asked why the railroad officials permitted it, and if they connived at it. We are able to state that soon after the present Superintendent took charge of the Northwestern Road he issued orders that cars should not be supplied to the cleaning mills to be unloaded for the purpose of running their decks of grain into the elevators. But vigorous protest was made, backed by a late President of the Board of Trade, to the effect that the regulation killed off the demand for the lower grades of grain, and permission was given to supply cars to the cleaners when there was a surplus of cars on hand. Of course the officers of the road did not know that these cars were being used, as stated in our published notice of morning, and the thing has been stopped in short order, now that the truth has come out.

But the matter ought not to be allowed to rest there. Somebody has made about $1,300 out of the transaction, after paying storage and hauling charges; enough to enable them at least to present a new hat to each of several parties, if they were minded to follow the precedent established some two years ago. Whether there were any presents made or not, somebody has been defrauded of money. If the grain that was thus changed was really No. 2, then the parties who shipped it to this city received 5c per bu less than they ought to have received for it; while, if it was really No. 3, then the buyers of the grain after the second inspection paid 5c per bu more for it than they ought to have paid. There is no getting around this fact, and it ought to be attended to forthwith; first, because rascality ought to be exposed, and secondly, because the whole grain trade of the city will be in bad odor unless they repudiate the transaction. And while the matter is up for consideration it may not be amiss to say a few plain words in regard to the matter of these cleaning mills, and know just what facilities these proprietors have for changing grades. It may be found that they are all right; but there has been so much of complaint about them, every now and then, that it is at least worth while to know whether there are good grounds for complaint or not.

A correspondent desires us to say, in connection with the Munn & Scott swindle, that "the prettiest village in Central New York is Cazenovia." Not a doubt of it; but we do not see the connection.

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were a little more active to-day, and breadstuffs were generally a shade higher, some being quite strong. The shipping movement by rail is more active, and the receipts are rather small for the season, except in wheat. A fair business was doing in the grocery market, with little or no variation in prices. Coffees were stronger, owing to a further advance in New York, but quotations were not altered. Sugars remain firm, as do also syrup, rice, spices, and most other goods in the list. Soaps were, if anything, a shade firmer, owing to the decline in grease. The demand for staple and fancy dry goods continues satisfactorily active, and firmness still prevails in all departments of the market. Some brands of bleached and brown cottons were advanced a trifle. No change was noticeable in the butter market, the demand continuing fair, and prices ruling steady and firm. Cheese remains dull and easy at 12@13½c for Western, and at 14@ 15c for New York factory. Coal was in good request at $12.00@13.00 for Lackawanna; at $10.50@11.50 for Erie, and at $7.00@7.50 for Wilmington. In the dried fruit market there was considerable activity, especially in those lines of goods suitable for the holiday trade. Prices were without quotable change. Fish were quiet as previously quoted. Hay, hides, and leather remain firm at former prices. The oil trade continues quiet, with prices generally steady. Linseed was firm, at the late advance. Lumber was in fair demand, prices ruling steady. Brick, lime, cement, etc., were in moderate request, at former quotations. Cooperage was in fair demand, and prices steady. The metals, nails, etc., continue in fair demand for the season; quotations are without change. Salt was active and firm. Wool is moderate request. Stocks are increasing somewhat. Former prices are continued. The choice grades of broom-corn are in demand and firm, the supply of such being exceedingly light. Other grades are very plenty and dull. Hops continue in fair request and firm. Prices are irregular, dealers asking from 35@45c for prime Western. Timothy seed was in fair demand to-day; prime sold at $3.25, and fair to good seed at $3.00@3.20; clover was firm at $4.90@5.10 for fair to choice seed. Mammoth quotable at $5.50@5.60. Potatoes were scarce and salable at 70@75c on track. Poultry was quiet, except very choice offerings, which met with a fair sale. Large well-dressed chickens sold at $3.25@3.50, and choice turkeys at 12@12½c. Eggs were a trifle firmer, strictly fresh quoted at 27@28c. Game was in fair demand and firm at $4.50@4.75 for prairie chickens. Venison was very plenty and dull. Apples continue in demand among the local dealers. Other fruit was in moderate request, at previous prices.

Highwines were more active, and steady at the advance gained yesterday, being in rather limited supply. Sales were reported of 900 brls at 89½c. The market closed firm.

Dressed hogs were in better demand, and a shade firmer. Good shipping lots were in good request, and sold freely at $4.37½@4.50 per 100 lbs; while coarse lots sold at $4.25@4.35. Sales were reported of 158 head at $4.45; 99 head at $4.50; 175 head at $4.45; 60 head at $4.40; 231 head at 4.37½; 30 head at $4.30; 60 head at $4.25. Total, 809, including some that were held over from yesterday.

Provisions were moderately active, but again a shade easier. The market opened apparently strong, with a good inquiry all round, and holders generally asking full prices; but later the tone weakened, as the receipts of hogs threatened to be so large as to produce a decline at the Stock Yards. Then buyers of product lowered their figures, and owners were a little more anxious to trade, so that the market closed weak. Mess pork declined about 10c per brl on cash lots, and lard 5c per 100 lbs for cash, from the quotations of last evening. Meats were easier, except hams, which continue in great demand. We note that the stock of old pork in this city is now about 35,000 to 37,000 brls, and it is going out rapidly. Lard is still wanted. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess Pork—Old $11.00@11.50; new for January, cash or seller the month, at $11.40@ 11.50; do seller January, $12.00; do seller February, $11.62½@11.75; do seller March, $11.87½@12.00; do seller April, $12.00@12.15. prime mess, $10.75@11.00. Lard, cash, $7.06¼@7.12½; for new, cash or seller December; do seller January, $7.12½@7.15; do seller February, $7.25@7.30; do seller March, $7.50. Sweet pickled hams, 7¾@8c, and green hams at 7¾@7¾c for 15-lb averages. Green shoulders, 5½@5¾c; do rough sides, 4¾@4¾c; do short ribs, 5¾c; do short clear, 5¾c; meats, 15 to 20 days in salt, quotable at 5¾c for shoulders; 6¾@6¾c for short ribs, and 7¼@7½c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, seller December, quoted at 5¾c. Kinds packed for delivery in December and January, 5¼c for Cumberlands; 5½c for short ribs or long clear; 6¾@6¾c for short clear; 8¼@8¼c for long cut hams. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $23.50@30.00. City tallow, 7¼@7¼c; greases quotable at 5½@6¾c. Sales were reported of 700 brls mess pork at $11.50; 50 tcs lard (choice) at 87.37½; 500 tcs regular do; part seller January, at 87.12½; 250 tcs do (part seller next week) at $7.10; 650 tcs do at $7.08¾; 100 tcs do seller January at $7.15; 1,250 tcs do seller March at $7.50; 100,000 lbs green shoulders at 3¼c; 50,000 lbs do (dressed hogs) at 3½c; 100 boxes dry salted do at 3¾c; 100 boxes short ribs at 6¾c; 100 boxes do at 5¾c; 100 boxes long clear at 5¾c; 200 pcs green hams (15 lbs) at 7½c; 40,000 lbs do (16 lbs) at 7½c; 20,000 lbs do at 7c; 20,000 lbs do (17 lbs) at 6¾c; 2,000 pcs do (19 lbs) and 60,000 lbs do (20 lbs) at 6c; 500 lbs sweet pickled hams on private terms; 60 tcs white grease at 6¾c.

Flour was less active at unchanged prices, there being but a very light demand either for shipment or on local account. For this reason holders were not able to take advantage of the strength in wheat, to force an advance in prices, and it was probably the fear that they would do this that made buyers hold off under the idea that the wheaten bulge is only a temporary one. Bran and buckwheat flour were quoted firm. Sales were reported of 100 brls white winter extras (St. Louis Best) at $10.00; 100 brls on private terms; 100 brls spring extras (Minn.) at $6.87½; 600 brls do on private terms; 100 brls rye (King William) at $4.25; 100 brls buckwheat at $8.00; 40 brls do (Jackman's) at $8.00; 25 brls cornmeal (Smith's) at $2.25. Total, 1,165 brls. Also, 10 tons bran at $12.00, on track.

Wheat was more active, and strong, advancing 1¾c on the quotations of yesterday, though the average advance was only ¾c. The market was firm and rather active early, but a strong local movement in options developed itself towards noon, which became buoyancy when the latest Liverpool advices indicated a little more firmness there. The New York telegams gave no encouragement to the bull element, but they operated freely, and a considerable quantity of wheat changed hands at the advance, in addition to the option trading, much of which will be squared off by "settlement." There was a fair shipping demand, but chiefly for the lower grades. No. 3 being most inquired for. There is little doubt that the demand from interior points in the United States will take about all the wheat we can send forward by rail this winter, but the prices obtained for it will largely depend upon the quotations in Liverpool, even though we may not send so much of our surplus there as some people count on. We note that wheat from the crop of 1872 is now arriving in Liverpool at the rate of about one cargo per day, and will probably "roll in" at about that rate for long while to come. Seller January, which was the principal option dealt in, opened at $1.12½, advanced to $1.12¾, declined to $1.12¾, rose to $1.13, fell off ¾c, advanced to $1.14¾, and closed at $1.14. Seller the month sold at $1.11¾@1.12¾, closing at $1.12¾. Seller February sold at $1.14¼@ $1.16¾, closing at $1.16. No. 1 spring closed dull at $1.20; No. 2 do at $1.12½@1.13¾c; No. 3 do at $1.02½@1.05¾, according to location, and rejected do at 92½@93c. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.20½; 400 bu do at $1.20; 3,300 bu No. 2 spring at $1.13; 18,000 bu do at $1.12¾; 1,600 bu do at $1.12¾; 15,800 bu do at $1.12¾; 2,200 bu do at $1.13¾; 9,800 bu do at $1.12¾; 10,000 bu do at $1.12¾; 38,000 bu do at $1.13; 2,000 bu do at $1.11¾; 2,600 bu do at $1.11¾; 2,400 bu No. 2 spring at $1.03¾; 13,800 bu do at $1.03; 5,000 bu do at $1.02¾; 4,800 bu do at $1.03; 900 bu do at $1.01¾; 2,400 bu do at $1.01¾; 1,600 bu rejected spring at 93c; 1,200 bu do at 92c. Total, 139,100 bu.

Corn was quiet, under notice that even yesterday, and quite firm at ¼c advance in prices; chiefly in speculation, which was the case in New York on a modified firm. There was not much demand for shipment, for reasons already explained in our columns this week, and cash lots dragged, though receipts were relatively light. But the option demand was good, and cash corn appreciated in sympathy, if not much wanted. A great many operators profess to believe that our receipts this week will be very light, unless prices advance, and the outlook is therefore considered to be a fair one for investors, which is bringing out a better inquiry for the summer options. Seller January opened at 31¾c, and advanced to 31¾c at the close. Seller the month or cash No. 2 sold at 31@31¾c; and seller February at 31¾@32¼c. Seller May was quoted at 36c, and seller the June option at 36¼c. Rejected was stronger. Cash sales were reported of 12,400 bu No. 2 at 31¾c; 24,600 bu do at 31¾c; 15,000 bu do at 31c; 400 bu rejected at 30c; 3,600 bu do at 29½c; 7,000 bu ear at 35c delivered at Stock Yards. Total, 73,000 bu.

Oats were rather more active, and a shade firmer, under a better demand, both for cash and option, though the inquiry is not very prominent in either case. Seller the month sold at 28¾@28¾c, seller January at 25¼@25¾c, and seller February at 25¾@25¾c. Cash sales were reported of 1,800 bu No. 2 (special house) at 26¼c; 33,400 bu do at 25¾c; 1,800 do at 25½c; 600 bu rejected at 23c; 600 bu by sample at 26c, on track; 600 bu fair white at 28c. Total, 39,900 bu.

Rye was in good demand, and firm, at the advance gained yesterday afternoon, the stocks being light, with few offerings. Cash sales were reported of 7,000 bu No. 2 at 63c, and 1,600 bu do at 62½c. Rejected was quoted at 56c, and seller January at 64c.

Barley was fairly active. No. 2 was in good demand, and a shade firmer, at 66c for Armour, Dole & Co.'s receipts, and 61@62c in other houses, closing at 61c. No. 3 was dull at 49¾@ 50c; and rejected at 40@41c. Seller January was firm at 61¾c bid, and seller February quiet at 62c. Cash sales were reported of 1,200 bu No. 2 at 66c; 2,000 bu do at 62c; 800 bu do at 61¾c; 400 bu do at 61¾c; 2,000 bu do at 61c; 400 bu No. 3 at 52c; 2,000 bu do at 50c; 1,200 bu do at 49¾c; 2,400 bu do at 49¾c; 400 bu rejected at 41c; 2,800 bu do at 40¾c; 400 bu do at 40c; 1,200 bu by sample, at 65c; 900 bu do at 64c delivered; 400 bu at 60c on track; 400 bu do at 75c; 400 bu do at 73c; 400 bu do at 72½c; 800 bu do at 70c; 400 bu do at 65c; 400 bu do at 62c. Total, 27,-300 bu.

LATEST.

In the afternoon wheat was fairly active and firmer; No. 2 spring sold at $1.13¼@1.13⅝ seller the month, and $1.14¾@1.14⅝ seller January, both closing at the inside. Corn was quiet and a shade firmer, selling at 31¾c seller the month, and 31¼c seller January. Other grain and provisions were unchanged.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 13.

ALCOHOL—Was moderately active at $1.18@1.85 for 94 per cent proof.

BROOM CORN—There is a good demand for choice grades, and they rule firm, but very scarce. Extra choice hurl would bring from 9c@10c. The supply of common grades is very large, and they are almost unsalable. We revise our prices as follows: No. 1 Hurl, 6@8c per lb; No. 2 do, 5@5½c; No. 3 do, 3½@4c; crooked, 2½@3c; red tip, 3@4½c; No. 1 do, 3@3½c; inside green, 3½@4c; do red tip, 3c; do pale and red, 2½@3c.

BEANS—There has been a fair inquiry for beans for home consumption and shipment, and choice varieties are scarce and firm. Common are plenty, and prices for such are unchanged. We quote: Navies at $2.25@ 2.60; fair to good at $1.90@2.10; common to medium at $1.60@1.80. Sales include 30 bu at $2.35; 70 bags and 5 brls at $2.10; 23 bags at $1.80; 15 bu at $1.60; 8 sacks at $1.55; 15 bu poor at 60c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—The demand continues light, and mainly for small lots for immediate use. Prices rule steady as follows: Stucco, $2.50@ 2.75; New York stucco, casing, $2.75@4.00; superfine do, $1.00@4.50; Hamilton cement, $2.20@2.30; Utica cement, $2.00 per brl; Louisville cement, $2.00; Akron cement, $2.00; marble dust, $2.25@3.50; lime, in bulk, $1.00@1.25; lime (in brls), $1.25@1.50 per brl; white sand, per cart, $2.75@3.00; plastering hair; per bu, 4c@5c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@50.00; building brick (common), $11.00@13.00; country brick, $13.00@ 14.00; Woodstock pressed range at $28.00@40.00; St. Louis Hydraulic pressed, $45.00, del; Milwaukee, $23.00, del; Rosendale, $4.00 per brl; Elmendale, $25.00, del; fire clays, per brl, $4.00@5.00. The following are the list of prices per box of 50 feet, for domestic window glass, from which a discount of per cent is made by dealers:

Size.	*First quality.*	*Double strength.*
6x 8 to 7x 9	$ 5.75	$ 8.50
7x10 to 8x12	6.50	9.50
8x13 to 9x14	7.00	10.00
9x14 to 10x15	7.50	11.00
10x16 to 12x18	8.00	13.00
14x16 to 16x20	8.50	15.00
16x22 to 16x24	9.00	17.00
18x22 to 18x30	10.50	18.50
20x26 to 24x30	12.00	20.00
26x26 to 24x36	13.00	23.00
26x34 to 30x36	14.00	26.00
30x40 to 32x40	15.00	27.00
30x50 to 32x52		28.00
32x34 to 34x36		34.00
34x38 to 36x40		36.00
34x50 to 40x60		40.00

BUTTER—Under this head there were no new features worthy of comment. The local and outside demands continue steadily fair, and, notwithstanding the liberal receipts, prices remain firm for all marketable goods. Good to choice qualities are more frequently inquired for than other descriptions. We quote: Strictly choice dairy, 28@30c; medium to good, 25@28c; inferior to common, 20@25c.

BAGGING—The buoyant tone that has for some time past characterized the market for cotton seamless bags is still prevalent, and although there is an utter absence of anything like activity in the demand, it seems probable that an advance will be established at an early day. For burlaps and gunnies a fair inquiry exists, and prices remain steady. Wool sacks are inactive. We quote: Stark, 36c; Lodi, 34½c; Lewiston, 34c; American, 32c; Otter Creek, 30½c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 bu, 20x32½c; gunnies, single, 15@16c; do double, 30c; wool sacks, 40@70c.

CRANBERRIES—The late decline does not seem to have any fairly active to-day, and values remain steady and unchanged. Following are the quotations:

Peaches, 2 lb	@2.00@2.25
Peaches, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Pears, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Plums, damsons, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Plums, green gages, 2 lb	2.00@2.50
Quinces, 2 lb	2.75@3.00
Strawberries, 2 lb	2.50@3.00
Raspberries, 2 lb	2.50@2.75
Blackberries, 2 lb	2.00@2.25
Gooseberries, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Cherries, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Tomatoes, 2 lb	2.00@2.20
Corn, Elgin	2.50@2.60
Corn, Benton Harbor	2.25@2.35
Corn, Yarmouth	2.00@2.10
Succotash, 2 lb	2.75
Lobster, 2 lb	2.25
Lobster, 1 lb	1.50
Oysters, 2 lb	2.50@2.60
Oysters, 1 lb	1.50

CHEESE—The cheese market exhibited no improvement either in activity or in prices. The demand continues light, and orders are being filled chiefly at inside to medium figures. Stocks are moderate, but equal present requirements. We repeat our quotations: New York factory, 14@15c; Ohio factory, 13@ 13½; Western factory, 12@13½c.

COAL—Prices were firm at the advance recently noted. There was a good demand, both for anthracite and bituminous coals at the annexed quotations: Scranton, Pittston or Lehigh, per gross ton, $12.00; Lackawanna, $13.00@13.50; Erie, $10.50@ 11.50; Briar Hill, $10.50@11.50; Walnut Hill, $11.00; Blossburg, $10.00@11.00; Cherry Mine, $10.00; Hocking Valley, $10.00@11.00; Cannel coal, $9.50; Indiana block, $9.50@10.00; Minonk, $8.00; Wilmington, $7.00 @7.50.

COOPERAGE—Was in fair demand at previous prices. We quote large tierces at $1.95@2.00; extra tierces, $2.05@2.10. We quote: Pork barrels, $1.85@ 1.65; lard tierces, $1.85@1.95; whiskey barrels, $2.25@ 2.35; flour barrels, 50@55c; rough staves $18.00@ 20.00; bucked staves, $23.00@25.00. Flour staves, $8.50@9.00; circle, flour bandings, 6@8c per set; hoop poles, $14.00@17.00 ₩ m; pork and tierce poles, $35.00@40.00 ₩ m; whiskey barrel staves, $23.00@27.00 ₩ m. Sales: 137 lard tierces at $1.95; 195 pork barrels at $1.65.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Were in moderate request. We continue to quote: East Bearre pears at $4.50; Bearre Gris do at $4.25@4.50; winter Nelis do at $3.50@3.75; Rein di Nice grapes at 25c; Tokay, 20c; Muscat, 20c.

CANDIES—Continue to meet with a moderate inquiry from the local trade. Fresh eggs are firm at 27@28c; strictly fresh sold at 26c; pickled and limed were in light request at 20@23c. Sales include 300 doz at 29c; 20 cases at 18c; 1,000 doz at 27c; 300 doz at 26c; 30 pkgs pickled at 23c.

FEATHERS—Were in the usual demand, with ample offerings. We now quote: Prime live geese at 53@55c from first hands; jobbing prices, 70@72c for assorted feathers; mixed do, 45@50c; mixed duck, according to quality; chickens, 6@8c. Sales include 3 sacks prime live geese at 65c; 1 sack at 62c.

FISH—Only a moderate amount of trading was done in this market, the inquiry coming principally from local consumers, and being mainly confined to salt-water descriptions. Prices were well sustained, but the feeling was not especially firm save for white-fish, the supply of which is light. We quote: Salmon trout, $4.50@5.00; No. 1 shore mackerel, $11.00@ 11.25; No. 1 bay, $8.50@8.75; No. 2 bay mackerel, $7.00@7.25; No. 1, shore, kits, $1.85@1.90; bank codfish, $5.50@5.75; George's cod-fish, $6.00@6.75; box herrings, 30@35c; box herring, scaled, 45@50c; Columbus River salmon, new, half tris, $10.00@10.25.

FRUITS AND NUTS—The demand was of a liberal character, and at our leading houses there was an inlet of activity. We quote: Layer figs, 20@22c; there were more frequently inquired for than other goods in the list, but there was a fair movement in nearly all descriptions. We make no change in quotations: Dates, 8@9c; figs, new, 12@16c; do, old, 10@12c; prunes, new, 10½@11½c; raspberries, 43@44c; pitted cherries, 38@40c; do, unpitted, 24@25c; Zante currants, 1873, 9½@10c; do 1871, 8@8½c; apples, Southern, new, 5@6c; do Western, 4½@7c; Michigan, 7¼@8c. Nuts—Filberts, 14@15c; almonds, Tarragona, 20c; English walnuts, 14@15c; Naples walnuts, 18@ 20; Brazils, 14@15c; Pecans, 10@12½c; African peanuts, 7c; Wilmington peanuts, 8c; Tennessee peanuts, 8c.

GRAIN—Was in fair demand. Prices are unchanged, as follows: Extra otter, $8.00; No. 1 do, $6.00; No. 2, $4.00; No. 3 do, $3.00; No. 4 do, 50c; extra fisher, $10.00; No. 1 do, $8.00; No. 2 do, $6.00; No. 3 do, $4.00; No. 1 fall do, $1.50; extra mink, $1.50; No. 1 do $1.00; No. 2 do, $1.25c; No. 3 do, 60c; No. 4 do, 10c; crown fox, $1.00@1.50; silver do, $10.00@50.00; timber wolf, 50c@$3.00; prairie do, 25c@$1.00; wolverine, $1.00@4.00; lynx, 25c@$2.00; wild cat, 5c@25c; skunk, 10c@25c; badger, 10@30c; deacon, 50c@$1.00; damaged, 75c@$1.00; all other damaged stock, two-thirds price; branded, 10 per cent off.

HOPS—Were in fair demand, and firm. Prices for prime hops are irregular, dealers asking from 35c to 45c. We quote: Prime at 35@40c; good Wisconsin, 30@32c; common to medium, 20@25c.

HONEY—Was in light request. We continue to quote: Choice grades at 25@30c; fair at 20@22c; glassed and candied 12½@13c.

IRON AND STEEL—All articles in the list continue to meet with a tolerably fair demand. Prices ruling as follows:

Flat iron	6	@ 5 9-10 rates
Heavy iron	6	@4.50@ 5 9-10 rates
Light bands	6	@ 5 9-10 rates
Hoops	6	@ 5.50@ 6 4-10 rates
Hounds and squares	8	@ 8 9-10 rates
Sheeting iron	6	@4.50@ 5 9-10 rates
Ovals	5	@ 5 9-10 rates
Half oval and half round	5	@ 5 9-10 rates
Horseshoe iron, No. 2	7	@ 7 rates
Sheet iron, No. 24	7	@ 7¼ rates
Plate iron	7	@ 7¼ rates
Russia iron	20	per lb
Russia iron, No. 1	18	per lb
Horse nail rods	9	@10c per lb
German plow steel	11¼	@12c per lb
English cast plow steel	12	@12½ per lb
Cast steel	18	@20 rates
English cast steel	22	@23 rates
English spring steel	11¼	@12½c per lb

LEATHER—This market was without change in any essential particular. The demand continues

amount. Low water is the cause as-

e following table exhibits the total ship- of iron ore and pig iron from the port of ago for the season of 1872:

IRON ORE.

	Gross tons.
...perior	181,909
...ton	76,458
...ore	70,588
...ore	22,262
...ore	25,567
...ore	18,503
...ore	9,414
...ore	8,264
...ore	4,327
...mill	3,943
...ore	3,634
...ore	227
...ore	333
...Ore	18
...Rock	717
...ed ore and quarts	409,191

PIG IRON.

...O. R. R. dock	15,773
...ear & Co	8,179
...Rolling mill and furnace	4,332
...ock	622
...al iron	28,806
...al ore and iron	427,997

...nst a total of 367,078 tons of ore and ...tons of pig metal—or a grand total ...944 tons in 1871. Increase, 83,063 gross

ESCANABA.

following is a statement of iron ore ...d from the port of Escanaba during the ...of 1872—commencing May 1, ending ...:

	Gross tons.
...ton	112,436
...ond	66,950
...and	62,074
...ineline	36,221
...ore	26,581
...and Bagley	14,456
...ore	13,130
...ore	126
...ore	13,440
...ineler	13,046
...ore	6,807
...ore	447
...ore	3,707
...ineler	1,480
...ore	4,366
...-Mill	1,499
...Central	1,929
...ore	35,069
...land	17,463
...ugh and Lake Superior	1,100
...ore	2,230
...re Bed, 15 Iron Cliff	344
...ock	486,639

PIG IRON.

...gan furnaces	808
...Lake furnaces	3,940
...er furnaces	5,440
...otal	9,186

SUMMARY.

The following is a statement of the iron ore ...ig iron shipped from the two ports of Mar- ...e and Escanaba during the season of 1872:

IRON ORE.

	Gross tons.
...netts	408,191
...ake	488,086
...otal ore	896,277

PIG IRON.

...nette	23,266
...ake	9,166
...otal pig iron	32,072
...otal ore and pig iron	928,349

...e shipments from the Grand Island and ...tte furnaces will increase these figures to ...ly 950,000 tons.—*Marquette Mining Journal.*

MARINE MATTERS.

...ad from the Northwest.

...The Forest City, Campbell, and Wm. Mc- ...or had not arrived at Cleveland on Monday, ...as reported.

...On the 9th and 10th inst. the following pro- ...ers arrived at Buffalo from Chicago, Mil- ...kee, etc.: Wm. M. Tweed, Toledo, Mohawk, ...Equinox.

...The River and Lake Shore Line have sold ...steamer City of Sandusky to Captain Isaac ...of Detroit, Ont., and Captain Drake, of ...eland. The price paid was $40,000. The ...t will be put on the Cleveland and Port Stan- ...route next season.

...Notice has been received from the Govern- ...ot of the Dominion of Canada, by the Light- ...se Board at Washington, that a bright white ...t is exhibited on the light-vessel stationed ...s exhibited on the light-vessel stationed ...Sandy Beach Point, at the entrance of Gaspe ...bor, Province of Quebec, in addition to the ...light formerly exhibited. The white light ...now six feet above the red one—from the ...st of the ship—and at an elevation of thirty- ...feet from the deck. The red light is like- ...e made more powerful. This change took ...ce on the 10th of October last.

...The following vessels belonging to the ore ...e are laid up at Marquette: Bark Franz ...el, Captain Norton, not loaded; schooner ...anago, Captain Ferris, not loaded; ...k City of Buffalo, not loaded; ...r C. J. Magill, Captain Case, cargo of ore; ...r A. G. Morey, not loaded; schr Kate Gillet ...loaded; bark Racine, Captain Maloney, not ...loaded; schr D. P. Rhodes, Captain Henry ...ne; schr S. H. Johnson, not loaded; schr ...en, cargo of ore; schr King Sisters, cargo of ...; schr Cascade, not loaded; tug Dudley, ...ptain Al. Robinson. The following are ...ter quarters at Grand Island: Barge H. B. ...ttle, Captain Smith More; prop Mineral ...ck; schr Geo. H. Ely, Captain John Moore, ...ded; bark Jane Bell, Captain Tinney, loaded. ...The following tables show the number of ar- ...als and clearances at the port of Buffalo for ...e season of 1873:

ARRIVED.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crew.
...ls in coastwise trade en- ...ed	3,935	1,800,720	44,863
...ican vessels entered from ...eign ports	784	466,183	8,272
...eign vessels entered from ...ign ports	449	50,591	2,475
Total	5,138	2,317,544	52,709

CLEARED.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crew.
...ls in coastwise trade	4,034	1,846,189	45,943
...erican vessels cleared to ...eign ports	766	464,859	8,170
...eign vessels cleared to for- ...ign ports	435	49,766	2,446
Total	5,175	2,360,814	56,559

GRAND TOTAL.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	Crew.
...rrivals	10,362	4,647,088	106,972
...learances	10,349	4,668,641	115,268
...rrivals	10,625	4,167,793	103,735
...learances	10,201	4,087,496	100,459
...rrivals	11,812	4,954,264	117,572
...learances	11,823	5,006,930	120,279
...rrivals	13,082	6,954,959	144,031
...learances	12,746	6,602,598	145,710
...rrivals	14,106	6,921,252	151,487
...learances	13,976	6,757,968	150,464
...rrivals	14,990	6,689,191	144,744
...learances	13,966	6,683,826	144,744
...rrivals	11,527	4,710,175	98,427
...learances	10,551	4,392,152	90,750
...rrivals	8,138	3,220,346	69,369
...learances	8,136	3,226,852	122,[illegible]
...rrivals	7,561	3,236,602	122,[illegible]
...learances	8,128	3,018,789	117,[illegible]
...rrivals	9,211	3,990,284	126,[illegible]
...learances	9,069	3,925,979	125,[illegible]
...rrivals	8,268	3,099,247	127,[illegible]
...learances	9,441	3,099,247	127,[illegible]

MEDICAL CARDS.

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SYMPATHY FOR SUSAN.

The Female Suffragists Give a "Matinee" for the Benefit of Miss Anthony.

Lecture and Readings By Miss Emily Faithfull in Aid of the Sweet Martyr.

A Regular Woman's Affair---Squeaking Boots and a Noisy Baby.

An audience of some three hundred persons, ...ome-tenths ladies, assembled at Myers' Opera House yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of a "Grand Matinee," given under the auspices of the Illinois Suffrage Association. An admission fee of 25 cents was exacted, and it was cheap enough, considering the nature of the attractions and the merits of the cause, as viewed from the Woman standpoint. The attractions were an ...ddress, by Miss Emily Faithfull, the eminent Eng- ...lish philanthropist, and an address by Elizabeth ...Cady Stanton, while the proceeds of the entertainment were to be applied toward helping Susan Anthony carry on the lawsuit which she ...is now defending on account of having cast an illegal illegal vote at the last Presidential election. Fortunately, Mrs. Stanton failed to appear, and was not present, leaving to Miss Faithfull the responsibility of the entertainment. Miss Faithfull responded admirably, leaving no room for regret that Mrs. Stanton stayed away. The proceedings were conducted on the stage, which was occupied by Miss Faithfull, her financial secretary, and Mrs. Fernando Jones.

Miss Faithfull began without introduction or ceremony, saying that, as Mrs. Stanton had been detained elsewhere, she herself had felt strongly inclined to run away; but, remembering that England expects every man to do his duty," she had resolved to come and do the best she could toward helping on the entertainment. She testified to her deep respect for Susan B. Anthony, and was glad of the opportunity to assist in raising funds toward helping her defray the expenses of the legal proceedings against her.

For her first selection, Miss Faithfull gave ...Lady's Dream," by Tom. Hood, which was followed by the concluding portion of "Enoch Arden." Tom was given with no attempt at dramatic expression, but in a sweet, rich voice, and with appropriate shades of dramatic effect, such as indicated clearly that, under more favorable circumstances, the lady is possessed of marked talent as a reader. Both she and her listeners were very much annoyed by a demonstrative infant, whose fond mother lacked the good breeding to inquire into the cause of her darling's ...terrible nuisance which she ought to remove. ...It was a noisy, unquiet, badly behaved audience ...enough at best, but times the wretched baby didn't ...squeak, the shoes of perpetually perambulating ...woman did, and the distinguished reader and ...audience must have formed no exalted ideas of ...the politeness of the strong-minded women in ...Chicago, in whom bad manners and an itching ...for the ballot seem to be the chief characteristics.

...For reasons stated, Miss Faithfull said she ...did not submit a question to the audience, ...which was whether, in the absence of Mrs. ...Stanton, she should go on and enlarge her pres- ...ent programme, or whether she should give her ...views entitled "The Best Society." An almost ...unanimous desire was expressed to hear the ...lecture, which was accordingly given. There ...was, however, no statement of the noise and ...confusion produced by the miserable baby, the ...squeaking boots, and the rustling of drapery, no ...doubt also adding to the back part of the house ...was unable to gather any connected idea of ...the lectures said. By the "Best Society" ...is meant the society of books, which she spoke ...of as the "immortal sons deifying their sires," ...freely circles open only to worth and merit; ...even as the ground, taking notes, and will now, ...I hope, be able to decide which extinguisher ...purchase, if either of them.

...At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of ...Lincoln Ladies' College, held on Tuesday last, ...Mrs. Mary E. Kedzie was elected Treasurer, in ...place of Mrs. E. O. Haven, resigned; Mrs. R. F. ...Hall was added to the Board, and Mrs. H. S. ...Greene to the Executive Committee. Mrs. M. ...Hall was elected Corresponding Secretary ...vice Mrs. M. E. Brown.

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CHICAGO LYING-IN ASYLUM.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: An article appeared in the columns of your paper, last Sunday, which, if not refuted, would be prejudicial to myself and the institution over which I have the responsibility of managing. I refer to what was headed "Alleged Insanity." I do not deem it of sufficient importance to traverse the entire article, but desire to deny any and every imputation of insanity or other act calculated to work injury to me. The particular case referred to is only one instance of ingratitude for favors bestowed upon an unworthy object. Such instances often occur, and will occur again. The Chicago Lying-In Asylum is an institution ...based in the cause of humanity, second to none in its aims and object. It and its management will bear the closest scrutiny. It is open at all times for inspection, and the public are cordially invited to visit it and inquire into all the details of its management. Yours, etc.,

C. S. HAMILTON, M.D.

A FREE DEFENCE OF BACCHUS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Now that our temperance people have won so many battles of late, perhaps you will allow me, a workingman, to say a little upon the above heading. First, let me say I was once for three years a member of a Temperance Society, and one year I was a vegetarian; in fact, I commenced life a moral reformer, along with a number of other young men. Most of my companions stuck to their teetotalism, but where are they? They are in their graves, years ago, in spite of the small death-rate that Teetotal Insurance Societies tell us occur amongst their policy-holders. To take notice of all the statements put forth by the leading teetotal men of Chicago, or any other place, one would be inclined to think that ninety-nine out of every hundred had no thought or care for anything but strong drinks, and that a majority of the people toiled for and cared for little else than whiskey. Sir, the wholesale, random assertions of the teetotalers are a gross libel upon the people at large. I have lived around Chicago for seven years, and in that time I have seen some tens of thousands of cottages, stores, and warehouses built on every side of the city, which is proof enough for me that the people think of something more substantial than strong drink. Being a teetotaller does not save us from poverty.

It is often asserted by abstinence advocates that there would be little or no poverty if we were all abstainers, but do facts bear this out? No. John King, the first man in England to start the total abstinence movement, had to have a levy made upon each of the Temperance Societies in the Three Kingdoms to save him from the poorhouse; and, when I was a member of a Temperance Society, I found that we had a constant call for subscriptions to help some idle fellow into an easier thing, for work soon became a burden to many who joined our society. I could relate many facts connected with the temperance movement, did time or space permit. I learned one thing while I was a total abstainer and vegetarian; that it was possible to grow intemperate upon more things than whiskey or other strong drinks; in fact, there is too much intemperance in a hundred things besides strong drinks. While I was in the western part of Illinois I became acquainted with a family who had embraced the vegetarian idea or life, save the father, who was about 70 years of age; he would have his animal food; and a fend sprung up in his family about his carnivorous habits, which ended in the poor old creature being turned out of house and home in the midst of winter. Now, the old man did not drink, and I was assured that he had never, or seldom ever, touched drink in his life; yet his family had got to be constantly intoxicated with its carrots, turnips, pumpkins, and squashes. What is to hinder such people from some day getting up a powerful effort to shut up our butchers' and fish-mongers' stores, as our temperance man are trying to do with the saloons? They have the authority of Shelley, that "all man's bad desires" and wrong-doing come from his flesh-eating habits. I have often, in our temperance societies, heard old "Apemantus" quoted, in Shakspeare's play of "Timon of Athens," where he says:

> Here's that which is too weak to be a sinner,
> Honest water, which never left man in the mire,
> This cures my fever and saves my purse.

Now, if he was a sample of a teetotaller and vegetarian, I would not let my dog sleep with him. He was an idle churl, and the best place for him would have been a lunatic asylum. Now, take another intemperate cold-water man, Diogenes. He was little better than a hog in his ideas upon eating, drinking, and sleeping. And thus, let an idea grow upon us, and we become intemperate in every sense of the word. Mean rain themselves to build a fine house, to possess fast horses and other things. Women not only ruin themselves to possess grand, showy dresses, but they set thousands of half-educated servant-girls into the same habits, and the result is, that thousands of things are pilfered by servant-women to make up for their deficiency of cash or credit, to have costly and showy dresses.

But this is not the only evil that this kind of intemperance makes; it gives thousands the idea that it is not lady-like to do any kind of work. And let me not put all this love of show upon poor woman, for I daily see crowds of young men who shudder at the idea of going to any manual labor. They all want genteel occupations, where they can be dressed up every day, and as a friend one day remarked, what a thing it is to be poor and proud at the same time.

I will give you a case of a young man who is now serving a term in Joliet. He is a well-known Chicago smasher. I was once in a position where I had charge of him, and I was advising him to turn to honest work and leave off his "banking," and he looked at me with a smile and said: "Now, look here, Uncle [illegible] have had that sobriquet some time]. I know you mean well, but look how a poor workingman is treated. If he goes into a store, they will scarcely notice him, and those he wants for don't know him away from his job. Now, if I smash a bank and get a good haul, I can dress well, and go into any society almost; and, if I go into a fashionable store or hotel, I have lots to do my bidding, while such as you would scarcely be looked at, except with contempt."

Religion is not free from intemperance.

First one intemperate preacher, and then another, introduces the peculiar minds with some form or another, and I think, if religion was fairly sifted, and all the intoxicating ashes laid open to view, there would be a much greater share of evil than can fairly be laid to the charge of poor old Bacchus. Peter the Hermit so intoxicated people about a piece of land that would not grow a decent cabbage (the Holy Land), that two millions of men laid down their lives for it, and how many were crippled for life we know not, and I have seen a statement that, if all the men that have lost their lives through religious wars could be placed side by side, they would go fourteen times round the Earth.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have many statistics of crime, both here and abroad, and I could show that liquor or saloons are responsible for but a very small percentage of the crimes and evils that surround us. I am no ways interested in the liquor traffic, but in the interest of truth and justice I am, and have taken up my pen against intemperance in any form, whether it be in work, gewgawism, or liquor. Yours,

UNCLE JOHN.

PERSONAL.

—Major Powell, the explorer, has arrived at Salt Lake from Arizona.

—David G. Croly has resigned as managing editor of the New York *World*.

—James Thorington, ex-M. C., of Davenport, Iowa, goes as Consul to Aspinwall.

—Maggie Mitchell begins a season at Kansas City, next Monday evening.

—The Rev. Dr. Stebbins, of San Francisco, has a call to the Harvard Square Unitarian Church at Cambridge, Mass.

—Captain Edward C. Boynton, for many years Adjutant at West Point, has resigned from the army.

—John W. Garrett has been re-elected to a fifteenth term as President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

—Miss La Grange, sister of General Oscar H. La Grange, is editor *pro tem.* and foreman of the Santa Barbara (Cal.) *Press*.

—General Dyer, Chief of Ordnance, is seriously ill at the Arsenal in Washington, with Bright's disease of the kidneys.

—Dr. Rene La Roche, an eminent physician of Philadelphia, died on Monday. He was a Captain in the war of 1812.

—Alvinza Hayward, the San Francisco millionaire, was at last accounts (6th) very ill at his residence in Oakland, and, indeed, in a very critical condition.

—Francis A. Walker, Superintendent of the last Census, has accepted the Professorship in the Yale Scientific School lately tendered him, and will enter upon its duties at once.

—Alfred Bergmans, Counsellor of the Belgian Degation, died at his residence in Philadelphia, 9th. He married, in 1860, a daughter of Charles Macalester, of Philadelphia.

—Major A. C. Marvin, at one time Acting Governor of Missouri, by virtue of his office as President of the Senate, died at Sedalia, 10th. He was one of the prime movers in the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad.

—E. A. Converse, principal in the Staffordville (Ct.) Woollen Mills, has lately had more than one man's share of misfortune. During the last year his father and elder brother have died, throwing upon him the management of five large mills at Staffordville, the woollen mill at Stafford Hollow, which has since been sold, and the machine and foundry business in the former village. The death of Parley Howe, who had long been Mr. Converse's partner in the machine and foundry business, and that of his faithful friend, adviser, and brother-in-law, Julius L. Strong, of Hartford, have since been added to his afflictions; and now, by the failure of Standfield, Westworth & Co., his fortune has vanished and he is financially ruined.

ORDINANCE VIOLATORS.

The New First Ward Alderman Draws His Sabre---Ordinance---A Plan by Which the Violators of City Ordinances May Get Out of the Police Station.

The Council Finance Committee were to have held a meeting, yesterday afternoon, to consider the resolution of Alderman Dixon, and the report of Corporation Counsel Tuley, in reference to the release of persons arrested for violation of city ordinances. There was no quorum present, and the committee adjourned until Monday.

Alderman Richardson has prepared an ordinance which he thinks will meet the approval of the Committee, and will submit it to them when they assemble together. The ordinance is as follows:

SECTION 1. That any person or persons arrested for the violation of any city ordinance shall have the right to release himself or herself from such arrest by giving special bail in double the amount of the highest fine which can be imposed for the claimed violation, said bail to be given by the person or persons arrested upon his or her personal appearance at the next regular session of the Police Court to be held in the precinct where the arrest was made.

SEC. 2. Any Police Captain or Sergeant who may be in charge of the police station where such person or persons may be confined, before such bail is offered, is hereby authorized to take and approve such bail.

SEC. 3. No person shall be taken on special bail for any person or persons so arrested for the violation of any ordinance who shall not be a householder in the city of Chicago, or unless he or she shall deposit with the Captain or Sergeant taking such bail a sum of money equal to the legal amount of such bond, and in such bond that shall be given by a bail by the City of Chicago to answer, pay, and effect for any forfeiture which may be rendered on such bond.

EVANSTON.

Mrs. Ivers, the aged mother of Mrs. Isaac P. ...n, caught her foot in the carpet of her room ...some manner and fell, breaking her arm in ...places.

A ...competitive exhibition was given, yester- ...morning, in the front of the Matteson ...se, by the Gardner and Babcock Fire ...guishers. The Trustees of the town ...re on the ground, taking notes, and will now, ...hoped, be able to decide which extinguisher ...purchase, if either of them.

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NEW YORK.

Failure of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe as a "Reader."

Poisoning as a Substitute for Hanging---The Arrest of Jay Gould.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1872.

MRS. H. B. STOWE

was advertised to give readings from her own works, a few nights ago; so I invested half a dollar, and went to hear her. But the investment was a poor one. I didn't get the worth of my money, and went home sadly disappointed. In her books, Mrs. Stowe's delineation of Yankee and negro character are admirable; but her rendering of them on the platform is execrable. She has no voice for reading, no talent for mimicry, no facial expression. In a word, she does not possess a single qualification of a good reader, actor, or lecturer. Her characters all talk in the same tone, and that a much worse one than the traditional stage tone. Her attempts at the Yankee drawl and the the negro dialect were miserable failures; and I can select a dozen women from among my acquaintances, who have never thought of reading in public, that can, without a moment's preparation, step upon the platform at a distance her inimitably in every respect. Mrs. Stowe has mistaken her vocation in coming before the public as a reader, and the sooner she descends from the rostrum the better it will be for her reputation. As a matter of course, her name drew a crowd, and packed the hall to its utmost capacity; but it required no acuteness of vision to see that her audience was terribly bored. The laughter was very feeble, and was by those who can laugh at the stalest of jokes, while the applause was rapturous only when the Young Christians, in whose employ she read, clapped and stamped lustily.

Mrs. Stowe has written some fine things in her time,—some that the world will not soon forget; but, if she should continue to labor under the delusion that she is a capable, or even an average reader, and go travelling about the country reading selections from her own works, before the large audiences that her well-earned reputation as the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" would draw, the great majority of those who hear her would be apt to be detained from ever attempting a private perusal of any of her productions. I judge she will not have many invitations to read after this winter; but the sooner she retires the better it will be for her reputation both as reader and writer.

—The Rev. G. B. FROTHINGHAM preached a sermon on Sunday, on "Crime and Punishment," in which he denounced our present mode of executing criminals by hanging, as not only a disgrace to the community, but as brutal and brutalising in its effects, and recommended killing them by some subtle poison. I have long entertained this view, and think that, if it is necessary to put criminals to death for the protection of society, it would be far more expensive, and far more salutary, to put them to death quietly in their cells. Why should there be a disgusting display, for the benefit of a ruffianly crowd, every time a murderer is to be choked to death? Why should we cling to the barbarous scaffold and rope, and go to such extra trouble and expense to send a poor wretch into eternity, when all we can ...done ... send him? Why ... Why should not a poisonous draught be administered to the doomed victim without his knowledge, so that he would go unconsciously to his death and be carried silently to the grave? Would there be anything unchristian about such a mode of execution? or would society suffer for not being regaled occasionally with such a horrible spectacle as we had exhibited at the hanging of Rodgers, in Brooklyn, last week?

—The excitement caused by the arrest of Jay Gould, at the instance of the Erie Railway Company, has subsided; but the suit is progressing, and some rich developments will be elicited, if allowed to proceed to trial. The preliminary proceedings are produsing a good deal of desultory swearing, and some cursing too, and the exhibitions are by no means edifying. Character is compromised. Tom Shearman, one of the other counsel for Gould, who have already received over $10,000 in fees, as a matter of course, are egging their client on to fight it out. But Horace F. Clark and Augustus Schell, who went on Gould's bond at the time of his arrest, are anxious it should be settled in the way that will cause the least scandal. The former is President, and the latter Vice President of the Board of Directors of Michigan Southern Railway, and they feel they have compromised themselves by their connection with the ex-President of Erie. They are very sore at having been caught in company with such a financial scalawag as Jay Gould, and, like poor Tray when he was caught in bad company, have been made to suffer. The morals of Wall street permitted them to operate in private with Gould, and share the profits of stock gambling; but, when the coup d'etat of President Watson forced them to come to the front, and go on Gould's bond, or lose their plunder, which, it is said, amounts to to $1,500,000, they realize that they have lowered themselves in the estimation of right-thinking men, and are anxious to slip off as quietly as possible with their ill-gotten booty. Because they are anxious to have Jay forked over to the Erie Company which he has plundered of it, and have done with the dirty job. These have had more of "interviewing" than is agreeable, and want to keep out of the papers in future. Whether Gould will take their advice and propose a compromise, or take that of his lawyers and show fight, a few days more will determine.

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TRAGEDY IN BRUSSELS.

A Man, Who Seduced a Lady Thirty Years Ago, Kills His Own Son in a Duel Without Knowing Him, and is in His Turn Killed by the Mother of the Murdered Man, Who Lastly Kills Herself.

L'Independance Belge of the 26th ult. gives the following account of an awful tragedy which lately happened in Brussels:

M. Edmond F., was a half-pay Captain of cavalry, who left his native town of Chateau-Chinon, about four years ago, in order to accept a position as manager of an iron foundry in the vicinity of Brussels.

In the year 1842, at the age of 24, he was sous Lieutenant of a regiment of dragoons garrisoned at Lille. There he seduced the daughter of a respectable merchant and abandoned her to her shame. The poor girl soon found herself in a condition which rendered exposure unavoidable. In order to conceal her fault she fled from her father's house and was seen no more.

Last week Captain F., visited, in the company of a few friends, one of the most frequented beer gardens in Brussels. While there, engaged in a game of cards, a quarrel arose between one of his friends and a young officer of the rifle corps. Captain F. took the part of his friend. High words followed and insults. The upshot was that Captain F. challenged the young officer to mortal combat with pistols. He killed his adversary by sending a bullet into his heart. This was on Friday morning. Captain F. now hurried home in order to prepare for escape to France. Last Sunday after having settled all his affairs he packed his valise and was about to leave when a woman in black presented herself abruptly at the door. Her face was covered with a thick veil, and she appeared greatly agitated; her body trembling all over. Captain F. highly surprised and something like troubled at this unexpected visit, asked her into the reception room. Scarcely had he pronounced the the first word when the unknown lady in black drew up her veil in a sudden, convulsive manner and showed him a face pale as death and eyes full of anger and tears. At the sight of that face the Captain retreated a step and uttered a cry of horror and astonishment.

In that woman in tears and dressed in black, with faded features and hair all gray, he recognized his victim of thirty years ago—the daughter of the Lille merchant.

"Wretch!" she exclaimed, advancing upon him all pale and threatening; "scoundrel being! villain! murderer! It was not enough to have dishonored a woman—to have basely abandoned her! You had to kill her child—to assassinate your own son! And such crimes should go unpunished! The most monstrous of misdeeds should leave you in possession of the name of honest man! No, miserable destroyer of so many innocent beings, you shall perish by the hands of your victim."

Scarcely had she spoken these words when she drew forth a revolver from under her cloak, fired twice, and blew the Captain's brains out. She then fired a third and fatal shot at herself.

Hearing the sound of three shots, the servants and neighbors came running in very much frightened. A fearful sight presented itself to them—two bodies lying side by side on the floor and weltering in blood. The body of Captain F. gave no sign of life; that of his former victim was breathing yet, and by dint of exertions revived for a few hours only. She was taken to the nearest hospital, where she expired in the middle of the following night, after having answered an interrogatory and told the facts we have related.

Chloral Hydrate in Disease.

A recent number of the *Gazette Hebdomadaire* contains an article by Professor Liebreich on the use of chloral hydrate, in which he states that all cases of sleeplessness without fever form the basis of its application; that for the relief of severe pain it cannot be depended on without the application of opiates; in affections of the circulatory apparatus, especially valvular and other serious troubles of the heart, small doses should be used. Professor L. also lays down as a rule that the chloral should never be given in substance, nor in solution stronger than 20 parts to 100. The best dose for an adult is from 30 to 45 grains; and habitual use does not necessitate increase of dose.

Poisonous Paper Shades.

Dr. Mirus mentions two cases in Jena and one in Frankfort where persons using green glazed paper shades were attacked with symptoms of arsenic poisoning. In one case the symptoms did not cease until the use of the shade was discontinued. The heat of the lamp, volatilizing the arsenic, renders even the very small quantity present extremely dangerous. The arsenic is used in the well-known Paris green, with which not only lamp shades but wall papers, &c., are so often colored.

—General Nye, formerly agent of the Dwight Mills at Chicopee, Mass., will shortly remove to Montreal, where he has the agency for a large cotton manufactory, at a salary of $10,000.

TO RENT--HOUSES.

TO RENT—ONE NEW 2-STORY BRICK HOUSE, ...9 rooms, hot and cold water; one block from street ...cars; three blocks west of centre of Lincoln Park. Also ...one 2-story and basement brick house, and one two-room ...cottage, in same neighborhood. Apply on W. J. ...DAVIS, Room 1, No. 146 Madison-st.

TO RENT—TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, 8 ROOMS, ...with or without furniture. Apply on premises, 1258 ...Indiana-av., or 156 Lasalle-st., Room 5.

TO RENT—HOUSE ON COTTAGE GROVE-AV., ...Oakland; one corner Lake and Kent-ave., two at ...Hyde Park. Applications for unfurnished ULRICH & ...GOODRICH, 93 Washington-st.

TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSE. INQUIRE AT ...197 Wabash-av.

TO RENT AND FURNITURE FOR SALE—TO A ...small family, no children. Call at 61 West Monroe-st.

TO RENT—COTTAGE OF SIX ROOMS, NEAR THE ...corner of Madison and Western-ave. R. S. FRASER, ...79 West Madison-st., Room 3.

TO RENT—BY A. G. LANE, 125 WEST MONROE-st., 4 rooms; 104 West Marble-place, $16 a month. Story and a half cottage, 7 rooms, 111 West Monroe-st.

TO RENT—HOUSE OF 9 ROOMS, WITH FURNITURE and gas fixtures, in good locality, on Twenty-fifth-st., to a private family. No boarding. House newly ...painted. Apply HENRY L. HILL, 164 Lasalle-st., Room 5.

TO RENT—COTTAGE HOUSE NEAR TWENTY-...fifth-st. Key at 240 Cottage Grove-av. HENRY J. ...GOODRICH, 93 Wabash-av.

TO RENT—BY REV. G. R. STOCKINGHAM, D.D., ...preached a sermon on Sunday, on "Crime and Punishment," in which he denounced our present mode of executing criminals by hanging, as not only a disgrace to the community, but as brutal and brutalising in its effects, and recommended killing them by some subtle poison. I have long entertained this view, and think that, if it is necessary to put criminals to death for the protection of society, it would be far more expensive, and far more salutary, to put them to death quietly in their cells. Why should there be a disgusting display, for the benefit of a ruffianly crowd, every time a murderer is to be choked to death? Why should we cling to the barbarous scaffold and rope, and go to such extra trouble and expense to send a poor wretch into eternity, when all we can ...done ... send him? Why ... Why should not a poisonous draught be administered to the doomed victim without his knowledge, so that he would go unconsciously to his death and be carried silently to the grave? Would there be anything unchristian about such a mode of execution? or would society suffer for not being regaled occasionally with such a horrible spectacle as we had exhibited at the hanging of Rodgers, in Brooklyn, last week?

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TO RENT—A GOOD 8-ROOM HOUSE ON LANG-...ley-st., with gas, hot and cold water, bath, etc., at ...$27.50 per month. Party renting must take furniture. ...Also, 2 new 6-room cottages, corner Sixty-first and ...Indiana, $25 each per month. ALDEN, 167 Lasalle-st., ...corner Dearborn.

TO RENT—$20 WABASH-AV., 2-STORY FRAME ...house, metal foundation, 10 rooms, all modern improvements, gas fixtures, etc. Rooms in basement. ...Thirty-fifth-st. Inquire of DREW & NEWBURY, Rooms ...8 and 9 Bryan Block.

TO RENT—HOUSE FURNISHED OR UNFUR-...NISHED, on Dearborn-av., between Chestnut and ...Hyde Park. ULRICH & BOND, 93 Wabash-av.

TO RENT—TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, NO. 803 ...Wabash-av., 10 rooms, bath, gas fixtures, modern ...improvements, comforts of furnished possession at once. Ap-...ply to W. H. SAMPSON & CO., 140 Lasalle-st., Ogden ...Block.

TO RENT--ROOMS.

TO RENT—ROOMS WITH STEAM POWER AT 204 ...Clark-st., corner Clinton-st. Apply to HALLE & ...CO., Room 1, Bryan Block, Clark-st.

TO RENT—TO A SMALL FAMILY WITHOUT CHIL-...dren, two rooms, parlor, and closet in a large, pleas-...ant basement; only $10 per month. Call at 118 North ...Paulina-st. on Saturday or Sunday.

TO RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS FOR GENTLE-...men, with board, at 70 South Morgan-st., 2 doors ...south of Monroe, and 1 door west of Halsted-st., ...near Madison. Gas and fire. Private house.

TO RENT—DESIRABLE FRONT SUITE ON SEC-...ond floor of 561 Wabash-av., furnished or unfurnish-...ed. Inquire at the rooms.

TO RENT—ONE DOUBLE AND TWO SINGLE ...rooms at 540 Wabash-av.

TO RENT—ROOMS, LOWER FLOOR, OF SIX ...beautiful rooms. House new, all modern improve-...ments. Rent low to a small family. Also, a pretty ...half block from Madison-st. cars. Apply at 154 Warren-av.

TO RENT—SIX ROOMS, FOR FAMILY, OVER ...560 West Madison-st. Inquire at 158 State-st. CHAS. ...W. STEVENS.

TO RENT—SIX ROOMS, FOR FAMILY, OVER ...564 West Madison-st. Inquire at 158 State-st. CHAS. ...W. STEVENS.

TO RENT—NICELY FURNISHED RO

POLITICAL.

Further Advices from the Political Battle-field of Louisiana.

Warmoth's Legislature Adjourned till the First Monday in January.

Two Senators Expelled from the Kellogg Legislature for Favoring Warmoth.

The Administration Advises the Citizens of New Orleans to Recognize Pinchback.

The President Will Not Change His Mind, and Says So.

The Administration Compromise Accepted by the Alabamians.

THE LOUISIANA SQUABBLE.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—At the session of the Mechanics' Institute Legislature, to-day, Senators Campbell and McMillan were expelled. They were old Senators, holding over from the last session, and have been acting with the City Hall Assembly.

The Judges of the Seventh and Eighth District Courts ordered their Courts adjourned over from day to day without transacting further business, until the present political difficulties cease.

The Fusion Legislature adjourned until the regular session, unless sooner convened by the Governor. A joint Committee was appointed to accompany the Citizens' Committee to Washington.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—Representatives of forty-eight business houses in the principal Northern, Western, and Eastern cities, doing business in New Orleans, met this evening, and signed an address to the people of the North, requesting them to unite in a protest to Congress and the President against the arbitrary usurpation of power and place, by political adventurers backed by a United States Judge, who has called in the assistance of United States troops in extreme his decrees. They attest the paralyzed condition of trade, and general dissatisfaction of the people with the present condition of affairs.

Pinchback has made the following appointments: Jacob Hawkins, Judge of the Supreme Court; John Burk, Clerk of the Supreme Court; John K. Haley, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, in place of John H. Kennard, recently appointed by Warmoth.

The Citizens' Committee of One Hundred telegraphed a memorial to Congress and the President setting forth their grievances. The Committee will start for Washington probably to-morrow.

The Louisiana militia having refused to obey General Longstreet, were ordered to surrender their arms and armory, but refused, whereupon General Badger, with about 100 armed Metropolitan police, was ordered to take the armory. They moved to within half a square of it. A parley ensued. Lines of the Metropolitans were thrown across Carondelet, at the intersection of Poydras and LaFayette streets, and, for a time, a skirmish seemed imminent, but the Metropolitans were finally withdrawn, leaving the militia in quiet possession.

The militia offer to surrender to any United States military officer, but decline surrendering their arms to any other existing authority.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The following is the text of the despatch sent by the Attorney-General to Colonel McEnery, of Louisiana, this afternoon:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.

Hon. John McEnery, New Orleans, La.:

Your cable despatch of this morning will be unavailing, so far as the President is concerned. His decision is made and will not be changed; and the scene it is sequenced in the soonest good order and peace will be restored.

(Signed) GEO. H. WILLIAMS, Attorney-General.

THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—The Committee on Federal Relations held a meeting, to-day, to consider the resolution introduced on leave in the House, on Thursday, by Mr. Hoyt, condemning the course of Senator Sumner in presenting a bill to the United States Senate for the erasure of the names of battles and fellow-citizens from the army register and regimental colors. The opinions expressed were generally in favor of Mr. Hoyt's resolution, but no decision was reached. The Committee will further consider the subject.

Applications have been presented from ten wards to have the votes for Mayor recounted, and possibly the entire Mayoralty vote of the city will be recounted.

THE KANSAS SENATORSHIP.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MANHATTAN, Kan., Dec. 13.—The Senatorial contest in Kansas is said to be narrowed down to Governor Harvey, Mr. Low, and Senator Pomeroy. It is claimed as a great mistake on the part of the Hon. J. S. Ralleth to have engaged in a controversy at this time with Mr. Thayer, of the Lawrence *Tribune*.

NEW YORK CITY POLITICS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Liberal Republican General Committee last night condemned the recent appointment of municipal officers.

The Tammany Hall General Committee last night received reports from ward organizations as to their representation in the committee.

COMMERCIAL.

The National Convention at St. Louis—Second Day's Proceedings.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—The Commercial Convention met at 11 o'clock. The Committee on improvement of River and Harbor reported a series of resolutions, memorializing Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to pay the outstanding bonds issued by authority of Congress for the improvement of the Louisville Canal, and hereafter collect only such tolls as shall be sufficient to keep said canal in repair; that the works of improving the Mississippi River at DesMoines and Rock Island rapids be completed as soon as possible, in accordance with the specifications of the engineers in charge, and urging Congress to appropriate a sufficient sum for that purpose; recommending Congress to establish a system of signals and lighthouses along the navigable rivers similar to those now in use on the seaboard; urging Congress to continue the improvement of the Tennessee River according to the recommendation of the engineer of the War Department; asking Congress to make appropriation for the construction of the James River and Kanawha Canal; also, to remove snags from the Missouri River, and otherwise protect its navigation.

The Committee to whom was referred the propriety of consolidating the Commercial Convention with the National Board of Trade, reported adversely to such proposition.

The Convention then, after some discussion, adopted a general plan for permanent organization, and decided that the next meeting of the Convention should be at Pittsburgh, on the first Monday of next September.

The plan for a permanent organization of the National Commercial Convention, as submitted by Colonel Grosvenor, of St. Louis, provides for the appointment of an Executive Committee of one from each State, to see that matters thoroughly acted upon by the Convention, are brought before Congress and the State Legislatures, to investigate the subjects referred to it, and prepare reports for the information of the next Convention; to establish means for the compilation of statistics for the next Convention; to communicate with other commercial bodies and business men generally, urging co-operation with the next Convention.

The Committee to which was referred the subject of aid to railroads, by State or local authorities, reported adversely to the indorsement of local enterprises, nor were they prepared to recommend rules for aid. The Convention was National in character, and this matter was one for state consideration.

General Fisk, of St. Louis, from the Committee on Transcontinental Railroads, submitted a lengthy report, to the effect that additional railroads across the continent were needed; that the road below the snow line, over the route marked by nature for a dense population, was imperatively demanded. Railroads were to do a great work in peopling the plains. The present roads were inadequate to the demands of trade, and facilities equal to the call of constantly increasing commerce must be provided. The trade with China and Japan, and its enormous increase within a few years, was cited to prove this. These necessities could best be supplied by roads along the thirty-fifth and thirty-second parallel. Resolutions accompanied the report, commending the subject to all commercial organizations and communities of the nation, recommending organized efforts to secure the building of roads below the snow line; to secure development of the country, and home and international trade.

After some discussion, which resulted in striking out the part which referred to the 35th and 32d parrallel roads, the report was adopted.

Miles Sells, of St. Louis, from the Committee on Fire and Marine Insurance, made a long report, which declares that the laws of the several States should rigidly compel each insurance company to hold its capital and assets so invested that, should the day of reverses come, all its resources may be made available in meeting its obligations; that a fund should be created by the reservation of all profits over 10 per cent on the capital stock until such reserve equals the technical reinsurance fund. If taxes are imposed, especially on premium receipts, they should be levied only upon the remainder, or net amount, after deducting the losses and expenses of collecting. The whole system of deposits for the security of policy-holders should be abolished, as experience has shown that it is too long-meant in its operation as a safeguard to be worth maintaining. No company should be allowed to put more than one-twentieth of its capital on any one risk, and risks should be widely distributed.

The report elicited quite an animated discussion, but, after one or two slight amendments, it was adopted.

On motion of Benj. E. Crane, the President of the Convention was made *ex-officio* Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Colonel Wm. Grosvenor, of St. Louis, Secretary. The following compose the Committee: Barton Able, Missouri; E. James, Tennessee; M. J. Smith, Louisiana; James Jorney, Maryland; James H. Laws, Ohio; D. Hurd, Illinois; H. S. Kingman, Iowa; W. Carpenter, South Carolina; John Evans, Colorado; B. B. Norton, Texas; S. Hopkins, Indiana; R. S. Davies, Kentucky; Louis Krieger, Minnesota; A. F. Waterman, Wisconsin; C. C. Converse, Pennsylvania; E. H. Plummer, North Carolina; Hiram Pottier, Florida; W. W. Paine, Georgia.

Mr. Weems, of Georgia, again presented his report in favor of the Atlantic and Great Western Canal between the Tennessee and Ocoee Rivers, with those parts expunged which were objected to yesterday, and it was adopted.

The rules were suspended, and a resolution by Mr. Elliott, of Indiana, was adopted, that railroads, as common carriers, should receipt in full for all property transported, and that the several States should enforce this rule by appropriate legislation.

The postal telegraph question then came up, and majority and minority reports were submitted. The majority report, by four of the Committee, entered into the subject at some length, reflecting somewhat severely upon the Western Union Company, and making several errors of statement. It urges upon Congress the speedy acquisition, on equitable terms, of the telegraph franchises of the country, and the incorporation of the same into the postal system of the United States, and that the recommendation of the President and the Postmaster General for the appointment of a Special Commission to consider and report to Congress a system of postal telegraphy in the interests of the whole people, meets the hearty concurrence of this Convention.

The minority report by three of the Committee is as follows:

WHEREAS, Private enterprise has given to the entire country a system of rapid and intelligent communication of thought, of State, incidents, and general news of the day, commercial, secular, and historic, by magnetic telegraph; and,

WHEREAS, Private enterprise has also united the two Continents by magnetic telegraph, transmitting information in a few moments to all parts of the world, thereby increasing facilities for commercial transactions and the general growth of the civilization of this century, and,

WHEREAS, Said telegraphic communication is increasing in a ratio equal to the demands of science, commerce, and the social welfare of our people, therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention thinks it inexpedient and unwise for the United States Government, at the present time, to take possession of the telegraphic lines, and manage them as a part of the postal system of this country.

A pointed discussion followed the reading of these reports, the argument on one side being principally opposition to centralizing power in the General Government, and increasing its partisan influence by the distribution of a large number of Government employés; while, on the other side, the question of rates and the benefits to be derived by opening quick communication of thought to all classes of the people was strongly dwelt upon. The whole matter was finally referred to the Executive Committee, to be reported upon at the next meeting of the Convention.

The Committee on Short Weights, False Packing, Inspection, etc., reported that Congress should pass such general laws as may be needed to enforce an uniform system of weights and measures; also, requiring all goods sold by the package to have the correct weight marked thereon, together with the name and place of business of the manufacturer; also a law against false packing; further, that the practice of buying and selling short weight, or measure goods by merchants at even less prices than full-weight articles, is strongly condemned by this Convention, and all merchants, Board of Trades, and other commercial organizations are requested to use their influence against the continuance of the present practice.

After the transaction of some further but unimportant business, the adoption of the usual complimentary resolutions and reference of all unfinished business to the Executive Committee, the Convention adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on the first Monday of next September.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee, after the adjournment, a Sub-Committee of five, consisting of Barton Able, of St. Louis; Laws, of Ohio; Hurd, of Illinois; Bevier, of Kentucky; and Smith, of New Orleans, was appointed to arrange and prepare business for the Committee and for the next Convention. The Committee then adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

FIRES.

Destruction of Property in Various Places Yesterday.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon, the fine two-story stone residence of James McKeehan, in Avondale, took fire and burned down. Total loss, $20,000. Insurance not ascertainable. The fire started near the furnace, in the basement.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—A fire this morning in the Law Building, on Third street, belonging to the Hopple estate, destroyed the roof and upper story. Loss, $3,000; insured in the Royal. P. Campbell, dealer in Irish linens, lost $3,000; fully insured.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 13.—A hay press, containing about 200 tons of hay, was burned here last night. It was owned by Peter Odler, whose loss is not known; also two cars of oats that were loaded and ready for shipment, standing on a side-track of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad adjacent to the hay press.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 13.—A fire at 6 o'clock this morning, entirely destroyed the cigar store of L. Kuttnauer, Main street. Nothing was saved. The fire also badly damaged the adjoining building, occupied by Henry Deuhas as a saloon. Mr. Kuttnauer threw her baby from a second-story window, but it was caught by a man and saved. The lady then jumped and was injured seriously, if not fatally. The origin of the fire is not known.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 13.—To-day, before noon, a fire was discovered in the residence of Mr. Steele, on Poplar street, in this city, and before the flames could be extinguished the second story was nearly all destroyed. Nothing but a part of the walls and foundation is left. The loss is about $3,000, covered by insurance in the Phoenix, of Hartford, on house and furniture for $1,200, and the furniture was nearly all saved.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PEORIA, Dec. 13.—A fire, early this morning, burned four small buildings in the lower part of the city. Loss, light, proof fully covered by insurance in the Ætna and Phœnix, of Hartford, Home, of Columbus, and Commercial Union.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 13.—A fire broke out to-night in a tenant's room on the third floor in the new iron building of the Troy *Daily Times*. The part occupied by the *Times* escaped injury, except by water. The principal damage is from water. The loss will probably not exceed $15,000, which is fully insured.

To Be Hanged.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 13.—Henry McNulis, who was found guilty of murder in the first degree, and recommended to be hung by the jury, was, to-day, sentenced to death by Judge Puterbaugh, who fixed the date of his execution on Friday, Jan. 3, 1873. The Judge, in his sentence, referred feelingly to the details of the case, and urged the prisoner to make his peace with God and the world. The doomed man received his sentence with composure, but broke down before reaching his cell.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—In the sitting of the French Assembly on the 29th of November, M. Thiers made a long speech. Among other things, he said:

"Gentlemen, remember Bordeaux. You did not choose me. It was circumstances. Did you impose any conditions on me? No; none. What was my desire in accepting the Post of Bordeaux? To prevent civil war. I do not personally like the Republic. My only desire was to wrest the Government from those who were urging a struggle *à outrance*. There were in Paris 3,000 cannon and 400,000 muskets. In seven weeks we wrested these arms from the misguided men, who, having lost the habit of working, had taken possession of them. We collected an army of 140,000 men with great difficulty, for the enemy was watching with great jealousy. Deputations come to me from all the towns of France, saying to me, "Are you working for a Republic or a Monarchy?" I replied that I was laboring only for the Government *de facto*. Did anyone at that period reproach me for that reply? No. [Prolonged movement.] If a Monarchy can be established or obtain a majority in the country, I would retire. It is only I who am pledged, and I should rejoice at it, for I have an ardent desire to give up power this evening. If you believe that a Monarchy is possible, try it. [Long-continued applause from the Left.] I am only a Republican because I do not believe in a Monarchy. They say to-day but one Government is possible. I only wish for repose."

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The ship Gustave, belonging to Nantes, has been lost at sea, with all on board.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The right will move to-morrow that the Assembly do not dissolve until the territory of France is entirely freed from the foreign occupation; and will follow this up with a resolution declaring that the members of the Left are responsible for the present agitation.

In the Committee of Thirty, M. Barthe, Republican Deputy, submitted a proposition for the formation of a separate legislative body, to be called the Section of Control. It is to consist of two hundred members, who shall be chosen by lots from the present Assembly, and will be empowered to reject laws passed by the Assembly. The proposal has given rise to most excited debates in the Committee, as it virtually creates a second deliberative Assembly.

The weather is very stormy. The waters of the Seine are rising, and inundations are threatened. The River Loire is also rapidly rising.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Snow fell in the north yesterday. To-day the gale has deranged the telegraph wires.

It is reported that the employes of all the English railway companies will strike on the 2d of January.

QUEBEC, Dec. 13.—A Glasgow cable despatch reports the abandoning of the ship City of Manchester, with a cargo of lumber. The crew were saved.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Hon. B. C. Schenck, United States Minister to Great Britain, who has been absent from London for some time on a visit to Southern Europe, is now on his return to this city.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Dec. 13.—Excitement was created yesterday over the reported insurrection in the suburbs the previous evening. It turned out that the insurrection was a small affair and speedily suppressed, although, however, twenty persons had been killed and wounded. The city was soon quieted. In the Cortes, Martos said that the movement was probably incited by the opponents of the new loan, with the idea of affecting its successful negotiation.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—It is rumored that Bismarck is about to resign the Presidency of the Prussian Council of Ministers, in order to devote himself exclusively to his duties as Chancellor of the German Empire.

CANADA.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—It is feared that the steamship Commandar, hence for Queenstown, Nov. 2, with a cargo of corn, has foundered.

HALIFAX, Dec. 13.—The customs authorities have discovered a fraud implicating several firms. A schooner was recently cleared with a cargo bonded for Newfoundland. She was reported lost, but her cargo was transferred to another vessel, which transported it to Yarmouth, where it was seized. The underwriters here refuse to pay the insurance claims.

BELGIUM.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13.—A freshet in the river Sambre caused a sudden flooding of a coal mine near Charleroi. The accident occurred while the miners were at work, and many were drowned.

HORTICULTURAL.

Meeting of the Illinois State Society—Closing Exercises.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CENTRALIA, Dec. 13.—Mr. Humphrey offered a resolution that the Vice Presidents be an *ad interim* Committee for their respective districts at an expense of a sum not exceeding two dollars for each county in his district. The subject matter was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Mr. Clayton offered a resolution in regard to the more thorough teaching of the natural sciences in our common schools, and the members of this society in the several school districts in their neighborhoods should give their aid.

Mr. Edwards suggested instruction in horticulture also.

Dr. Gregory offered a resolution in regard to a uniform system of weights and measures throughout the world; passed without debate.

Mr. Flagg offered a resolution instructing the Executive Committee to take such action as the state of the funds will warrant in sending delegates and fruits to the meeting of the American Pomological Society, to be held at Boston next September, and that the President-elect be a committee to consult with similar societies in the Northwest, with a view of co-operation, and to obtain, if possible, reduced rates of fare.

Dr. L. Baron, the State Entomologist, read an essay on the subject of education in natural sciences. As a preliminary, he referred to the troublesome insect known as the "Crown Borer" that has proved so injurious to the strawberry. He stated that it belonged to the curculio family, and that its natural history was not well known. The Doctor said that education had been too abstract and that it must be removed from the real business of life, and that a change was needed to meet the present condition of things. Money represents houses and lands, and implements, and yet this is not all of. Acquire a better the higher qualities of the mind. Acquire a better education, or a better development of our faculties. Society demands the every man shall have some useful trade or business, and, as population increases, this kind of knowledge will lead into specialties; in short, the boy should be educated in that which he will follow in life; and yet this is not all, for, in addition to this, he must have his more general education, but the first is absolutely essential to his success. While the dead languages may be of use to the man of literature, it costs too much time to make it desirable. Insects are more or less injurious, and these we must study more closely, in order to know how to destroy them. He would say discard text-books from the school-room, for text-books are useful in the hands of the best teachers. In reply to those who have made inquiry in regard to a text-book for schools on the subject of entomology, he would say that no such a book is to be had, and, to meet this need, he had entered upon the preparation of such a work, the first part of which is nearly ready for the press, and will be published with his next annual report.

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